

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

For many of you a joyous welcome back to Saudi Arabia. Hopefully you had a chance to travel this summer and recharge the batteries. As we move into the final third of 2021 we have quite a few competitive tournaments and fun tournaments planned. Please review the newsletter and the Tournament calendar if you are interested.

We have also been told that we are getting some much needed new equipment for the course. Flags, cups, flag sticks, and cup cutters to name a few! Thanks so much to Community Services and Gardening for getting all of these items so that course can continue to move forward even during these difficult times.

Nominations for President and Secretary will be coming out shortly, if you are interested, please look out for the announcements and throw your hat in the ring! As always we are looking for volunteers starting as early as today. If you are interested in joining a committee please reach out to directors below:

- Social - [Tamara Tahir](#)
- Facilities - James Platt
- Grounds - Troy Thompson
- Tournaments - [Christo Steenkamp and Tracey Jackson](#)
- Handicaps - [Stephen Vezendy](#)
- Rules - [Stephen Vezendy](#)

- Ed Devlin

From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on September 26th. 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 October 8th and run each Friday for 4 weeks. The classes are from 8:00am — 9:00am. 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

September 26th — Golf in a Week

October 8th — Junior Tour School

October 28th — Ladies' Classes Continues

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Upcoming Tournament Information

Monthly Medals

The last leg of the Race to the Hills is happening on **September 18th** and is the last tournament to earn points towards the Race to the Hills! This is an open play event.

The best 6 results over the first 10 medals of the season will determine a golfer's total points for the Race to the Hills. The final two medals of the year will be the Playoffs for the Top 30 points holders plus anyone within 20 points of the leader. For more information [click here](#).

Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

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

2021 World Ryder Cup

World Ryder Cup Sign Up is now closed. The World Ryder Cup will be played this weekend of September 3rd and 4th. For more information please visit the [2021 World Ryder Cup Event Portal](#).

Your Team Captains this year are:

TEAM ROW: Gareth Weale

TEAM USA: Troy Thompson

If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Tracey Jackson @ tjackson1178@yahoo.com.

Saudi National Day

This year RHGC will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the independence of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on **September 23rd** with an individual flighted Stableford and Team Event. Team scoring will be 1-2-3 WALTZ using USGA TM Live Scoring. More information can be found on the [Saudi National Day page](#). Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

September 3rd & 4th — World Ryder Cup
 September 18th — Monthly Medal
 September 23rd — Saudi National Day
 October 15th & 16th — Club Championship



Ask Carl

Q: On hole #9, I hit my drive into the palm trees by the bunker. It got stuck in the fronds. What is the proper what to play it?

A: Great question. This happens more than people think. However, there are a couple situations that could occur.

Situation 1 – Ball held up at the palm tree and can be seen, identified, and confirmed to be my ball but I can't retrieve the ball.

Unplayable relief would be available under situation 1 since the ball was identified. Take an unplayable with the reference point for relief being directly below the ball. One-shot penalty. See [19.2c/1](#).

Situation 2 – Ball held up at the palm tree and can't be seen from below, neither can be identified nor can it be confirmed.

If the player cannot find and identify the golf ball stuck in tree within the three-minute searching period, the ball must be declared lost. Simply go back to the spot of the previous stroke, drop within 2 club lengths, no closer to the hole and play it again with one-shot penalty (Stoke & distance). If the was a tee shot, return to the teeing area.

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.

Junior Golf

September Jr. Golf Event

Junior Golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate.

September 11th, 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 September 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

Junior Golf
DEVELOPING THE PLAYER, GROWING THE GAME™

Ladies' Golf

After a welcome summer break, TMLL will be starting Tuesday morning golf again on 14th September and we are looking forward to a full calendar of events running up to December. These will include our regular open play, monthly medal and fun events, as well as 2 evening team tournaments and an Ecclectic.

Invitations for all of these will be sent out in due course and we will also be restarting the monthly golf clinic with Stuart too.

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing you on the course again very soon! Amanda.

rhgcladiesdirector@gmail.com

Classifieds

Golf Cart For Sale - Price SR 8,000 OBO

You can become part of an Aramco legacy as the next owner of **"The Blue Beast"**, a classic Yamaha gas golf cart that has a long and proud Rolling Hills Golf Club history and is now available for sale! This unique golf cart is in excellent condition with custom features such as front and rear plexiglass windshields, forward storage compartment, fine imported wood finishing's and a stereo. Drive around in style like you're Fred Flintstone in this unique cult classic golf cart, the only one on camp and probably the only one in the MENA region! Only two owners, recently serviced and comes with two spare tires.

Contact Rick Teubner to schedule an appointment to see it at 0542434298. No holds, camp access or calls after 8:00 pm please.



Handicap Corner

The World Handicap System (WHS) began rolling out in January 2020.

Millions of golfers from 108 countries around the world are now experiencing the benefits of the new system which is designed to be consistent, inclusive and modern. Though many countries have already adopted the new system, other countries will soon be going live to accommodate different implementation plans and variations in their golf seasons. The following is a list of countries that have implemented the WHS as of August 9, 2021 (blue in map below).

Andorra	Gambia	Paraguay
Angola	Georgia	Peru
Argentina	Germany	Philippines
Australia	Greenland	Poland
Austria	Guam	Portugal
Azerbaijan	Guatemala	Puerto Rico
Bahamas	Hong Kong	Qatar
Bahrain	Hungary	Romania
Barbados	Iceland	Russia
Belgium	India	San Marino
Belize	Ireland	Scotland
Bermuda	Italy	Serbia
Bolivia	Jamaica	Seychelles
Botswana	Jordan	Singapore
Brazil	Kenya	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Korea	Slovenia
Canada	Latvia	South Africa
Cayman Islands	Lesotho	Spain
Chile	Liechtenstein	Sudan
Colombia	Lithuania	Sweden
Cook Islands	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Costa Rica	Malawi	Tanzania
Cyprus	Malaysia	Thailand
Czech Republic	Malta	Trinidad/Tobago
Denmark	Mauritius	Turkey
Dom. Republic	Mexico	Uganda
DR of Congo	Mongolia	Ukraine
Ecuador	Morocco	Uruguay
El Salvador	Mozambique	USA
Emirates	Namibia	Vanuatu
England	Netherlands	Venezuela
Estonia	New Zealand	Vietnam
eSwatini	Nicaragua	Virgin Islands
Fiji	Norway	Wales
Finland	Oman	Zambia
France	Panama	Zimbabwe



Rules Corner

Pace of Play

Rule 5.6 encourages prompt pace of play by recommending that:

- Players should recognize that their pace of play affects others and they should play promptly throughout the round (such as by preparing in advance for each stroke and moving promptly between strokes and in going to the next tee), and
- A player should make a stroke in no more than 40 seconds (and usually in less time) after the player is able to play without interference or distraction,

Here are some tips for improving pace of play:

- **Start on-time:** Confirm your tee time in advance and make it a point to arrive at the tee early with your golf equipment in order, ready to play.
- **“Tee It Forward”** unless you are consistently able to reach greens in regulation from the back tees (Blue for Men and White for Ladies). In other words, play from a set of tees that is comfortable for you – one where you are more likely to hit lofted irons into greens instead of hybrids or fairway woods. It is acceptable for players in the same group to play from different tees. (The World Handicap System provides a formula for adjusting handicaps from different tees.)
- **Try alternate forms of play to speed up your round:** Match play, Stableford, best-ball and other formats are easy and fun alternatives to individual stroke play because not every player has to hole out on every hole. There are multiple resources online and in print to learn about the many different golf formats. Try one out.
- **Minimize your time on the tee:** On the tee it is usually acceptable for players to “hit when ready.” You can also save time by playing a provisional ball ([Rule 27-2](#)) if you think your original ball might be lost or out of bounds.
- **Plan your shot before you get to your ball:** Once you are off the tee, think ahead. Determine your yardage and make your club selection before it is your turn to play. Very often, you can do this while others are playing, without disruption. If you take your glove off between shots, have it back on before it is your turn to play. Even a small step like this saves time.
- **Play “Ready Golf”**, especially if you find you are out of position or just need to catch up with the group ahead of you. Rule 6.4 expressly allows playing out of turn in Match play by agreement, and for Stroke play, affirmatively allows and encourages players to play out of turn in a safe and responsible way to save time or for convenience.
- **Keep your pre-shot routine short:** Pick your line of play once and trust yourself. Try to take no more than one practice swing, then set up to the ball and play your shot. Most importantly, be ready to hit when it is your turn. Be efficient after your shot too. Start moving toward your next shot promptly.
- **Aim to play in 20-40 seconds:** From club selection to pre-shot routine to execution, strive to hit your shot in 20-40 seconds when it is your turn to play. Help keep play moving at a brisk pace.
- **Develop an eye for distance:** You don’t have to step off yardage for every shot. If you need to determine precise distance, try to find a yardage marker before you reach your ball, then step off the yardage on the way to your ball. Or, consider investing in an electronic range-finder or global positioning system for golf and use it when permitted by Local Rule. If others you are playing with are not familiar with the course, the Rules permit players to exchange yardage information without penalty.
- **When sharing a cart, use a buddy system:** (Note: if COVID 19 Rules allows) Don’t wait in the cart while your cartmate hits and then drive to your ball. Get out and walk to your ball with a few clubs. Be ready to play when it is your turn and then let your cartmate pick you up. Or, drive to your ball after you drop your cartmate off and then pick him or her up after you hit.
- **Be helpful to others in your group:** Follow the flight of all tee shots, not just your own. Once in the fairway, help others look for their ball if you already know the location of yours. Volunteer to fill in a divot or rake a bunker for another player if needed. Be ready to attend the flagstick for others.
- **Keep up with the group in front of you:** Your correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you. Arrive at your next shot just before the group in front leaves the area in front of you. If you are consistently not able to keep up and a gap opens in front of you, invite the group behind you to play through, irrespective of the number of players in the group.
- **Be efficient on the putting green:** Mark your ball and lift and clean it when you arrive at the putting green so you will be ready to replace it when it is your turn to play. You can usually line up your putt while others are putting, without disturbing them. Leave your clubs on the side of the putting green closest to the next tee, and leave the green promptly after holing out. Wait until the next tee to record your score.
- **Remember that picking up your ball is permitted by the USGA Handicap System:** If not in an individual stroke play competition, it is generally OK to pick up your ball and move on to the next hole if you are “out” of a hole and want to maintain pace of play. This applies in match play and many forms of stroke play, including Stableford and best-ball play.

August Monthly Medal Results



A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	A	Kim, Yong Song	37	40	77
2	A	Kim, Minseok	36	41	77
3	A	Syafron, Edward	40	38	78

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	B	Daham, Ahmed	36	35	71
2	B	Kim, Soonhae	34	37	71
3	B	Farley, Steve	38	36	74

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	C	Ba Im, Ahmad	37	36	73
2	C	Platt, James	35	40	75
3	C	Jackson, Tracey		37	76

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	D	Pillai, Manu	36	43	69
2	D	Gunawan, Romli	32	39	71
3	D	Suriakusumah, Dicky	38	37	75

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	E	Whitely, Andrew	34	37	71
2	E	Chi, Sangki	35	37	72
3	E	Ibrahim, Mohd	38	39	77

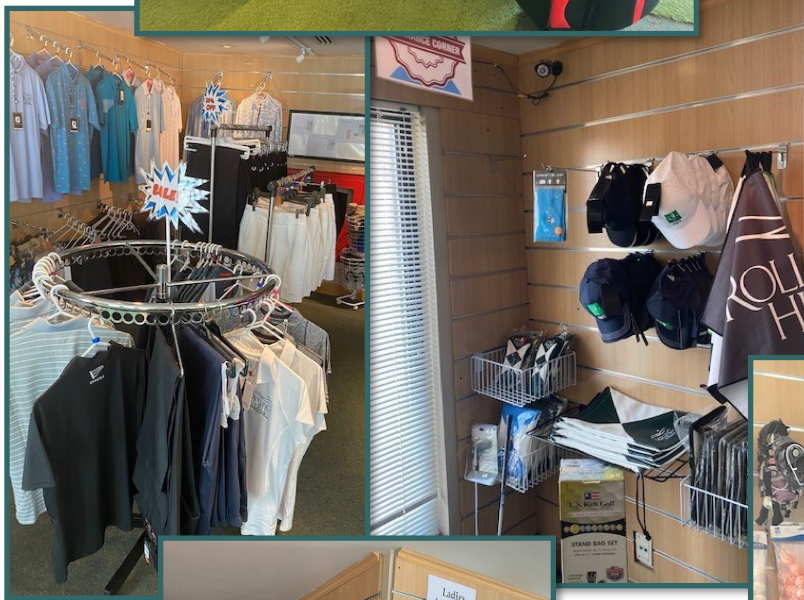
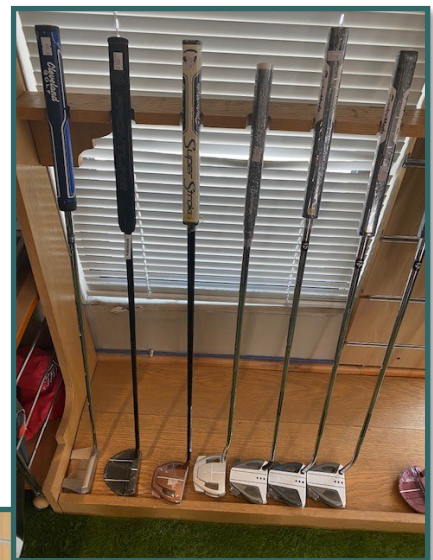
Race to the Hills Top 5

Rank	Player	Tournaments	Wins	Points
1	Evans, Simon	8	3	73
2	Daud, Rodziah	8	2	68
3	Kim, Soonhae	8	1	64
T4	Abdullah, Zulkiflie	5	2	63
T4	Lu, Feng	8	2	63

*Full Standings

ProShop

The ProShop has just received a shipment of new merchandise. There are new wedges, and putters in stock along with lots of new men's and ladies' apparel.



THE GOLF BALL

*Friday, December 5th
Crowne Plaza, Bahrain*

Semi-Formal Attire

Member-SR500 | Guest-SR550

Doors open at 7:00pm

Dinner, Door Prizes, & DJ

(House drinks until 11pm)

Ticket Sales begin September 27th at the ProShop

Tickets are transferable but non-refundable

Crowne Plaza special room rates

Double Occupancy = Standard Room - BD50, Deluxe Room - BD55

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