

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB



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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I would like to congratulate David Bedford for winning the Office of Vice President and Hayden Ponsford for winning the Office of Treasurer in the past RHGC election. Also concerning the Board, all the appointed directors for the 2023 Board have been selected by the RHGC Executive. There are five new RHGC Board members for 2023, please see page 2 for all of the Board members. The Board is already hard at work planning out events and tournaments for the year. RHGC is always looking for members to help out. Apart from being on the Board, members can be a part of committees that help organize different aspects of running the Club. If you would like to be a part of a committee, or just help out as a volunteer at a tournament, let us know; we would very much appreciate the help.



If you haven’t had a chance to play the course after the ADT professional tournament you are in for a treat. The course is in amazing condition. The work that was done on the bunkers is a tremendous improvement.

The Opening Day Tournament is on January 21 and the format this is year is the Lone Ranger. The Lone Ranger format is always challenging and a lot of fun. You can find out more about the Opening Day Tournament and its format on page 3. Remember, in order to play in the Opening Day Tournament, you need to make sure you have paid your membership fees for 2023. See below for more information about membership renewals.

Bruce Waldner, RHGC President

2023 Membership Renewal

2023 Membership Renewal forms were sent on November 28 after 4pm to all primary members’ email addresses registered with RHGC. These forms are prefilled with your membership information. If you have not received an email, please first check your spam/junk folder, then contact the RHGC Membership Director at RHGCMemberships@gmail.com with your membership number, to have them resent to you. NOTE: The ProShop does not have copies of your forms, please ensure you bring two copies with you for renewal.

Reminder: Renewals submitted between February 1 and February 28, 2023 will be subject to a 250SAR late fee. Renewals submitted from March 1, 2023 onwards, will be treated as a new membership application and will be subject to the 500SAR initiation fee. You will also lose your place on the cart shed waiting list. Cart shed holders must renew by January 31, 2023. Failure to renew your membership will result in your cart shed being reassigned to the next member on the cart shed waiting list.

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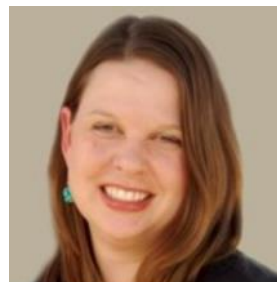
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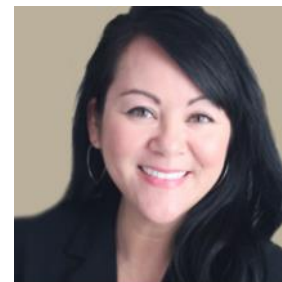
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OPENING DAY TOURNAMENT

January 21, 2023

FORMAT

This will be a four-person team event (ABCD), Lone Ranger format where, on each hole, 1 player of the team will be playing by themselves, while the remaining 3 players will be playing a 3-person Shamble. This means all 3 players tee off, then the 3 players select the best drive they want to use, and all 3 players then play their own ball from the drive until holed. The best score from the 3 Shamble players, plus the score from the lone player will count as the combined score for the team for the hole. Three drives per player are required within the Shamble format. The drive of the lone player playing their own ball does not count towards the minimum drive count within the Shamble group.

The maximum score for each player per hole will be double net bogey. The App will automatically adjust any scores higher than the maximum. Men will be playing from the White tees and Ladies will be playing from the Red tees. The holes for the single player will be as follows (A player lowest index in the Team, D player with highest index).

- A Player – Holes 3,4, 12, 15 and 18
- B Player – Holes 1, 5, 9, 11 and 17
- C Player – Holes 2, 7, 10 and 14
- D Player – Holes 6, 8, 13 and 16

Tee times will be Shotgun at 6:30am and Shotgun at 11am. Registration is [open here](#).



Monthly Medal
JANUARY 28

Register now at
golfgenius.com

RHGC members are invited by the US Business Sports Committee to the following 2023 events:

January 20, 2023

KAUST Ladies and Juniors Tournament

Registration [open here](#)

March 9 & 10, 2023

28th Annual Tournament in Dirab Golf & Country Club

Details to be [posted here](#) soon

October 27, 2023

Royal Greens Tournament

Details to be [posted here](#) soon

SAVE THE DATE

VALENTINE'S SOCIAL: COUPLES' EVENT
Thursday, February 9



Couples' golf followed by a catered dinner. More details to follow soon.



REMINDER: Music and audible speakers are not permitted at practice areas or the course at any time, per the Recreation manual.

Happy New Year!
 Looking forward to seeing everyone
 as we enjoy the beautiful cooler
 temps of winter here in the desert.

Angela Farley
 Ladies' Golf Director



**Tues AM Skills
 at 9am**



**Sat AM Skills
 at 10am**



**Nine & Dine
 evening event**



**Morning
 Scramble**

FROM THE PRO

Stuart Hurstfield, P.G.A. Member

LADIES ROLL UP CLASS

Every Thursday, beginning **January 5**, ladies are invited to join Thursday morning group sessions from 9 - 10 am for beginner and intermediate golfers. All equipment is supplied and instruction covers all the skills to get one out on the course! The cost is 90 SAR per person, per class and sign-up is at the ProShop.

GOLF IN A WEEK

The next Golf in a Week class starts on **Sunday, January 22**. Classes are from 7 - 8 pm and run for five consecutive days. These group sessions are ideal for beginner and intermediate golfers and covers all aspects of the game: safety, rules, etiquette, and swing technique. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 600 SAR. Sign up at the ProShop.

JUNIOR TOUR SCHOOL

The Junior Tour School commences on **Sunday, January 8** for ages 8+. It will run Sun - Thu from 6-7 pm. The classes cover rules, etiquette, and golf swing mechanics in a group setting. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 400 SAR. To register, please visit the ProShop.

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

Individual lessons incorporating GASP video analysis can be taken at times convenient to suit your schedule. Junior pricing is 30 minutes/150 SAR and Adults is 50 minutes/200 SAR. Register at stuarthurstfield@gmail.com or WhatsApp +44 775 337 1547.

Golf club repairs and re-gripping service available. Contact Stuart for details.

2023 RULES OF GOLF: 5 KEY CHANGES

The R&A and the USGA have released the most recent edition of the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

HERE ARE 5 KEY CHANGES

New Rule — Modifications for Players with Disabilities

These modifications are now part of the Rules and are in effect for all competitions and all players who fall under the categories covered in new Rule 25.



Replacing Damaged Clubs

If your club is damaged during a round (except in cases of abuse) you may replace it, repair it or continue to use it.



Ball Moved by Natural Forces

When your ball is at rest after taking relief and then rolls into another area of the course due to natural causes, there is no penalty, and you must replace it.



Handicap on Scorecard (Stroke Play Only)

You are not required to put your handicap on your scorecard and there is no penalty if you return your scorecard in a competition with an incorrect handicap, as this is now the Committee's responsibility.

This change is consistent with other penalty reductions, such as reducing the penalty for playing an incorrectly substituted ball from the general penalty to one stroke.



Simplified Back-on-the-Line Relief

When using this relief option, you are required to drop your ball on the line, and it may roll up to one club-length in any direction.



For more information on the Rules of Golf, please visit [usga.org](https://www.usga.org) or [randa.org](https://www.randa.org).



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Key Changes to the Rules of Golf Set to Take Effect in 2023

The USGA and The R&A have unveiled a regular update to the Rules of Golf as they continue to make the Rules easier to understand and apply.

To learn more about the major changes and review the official 2023 Rules of Golf, [click here](#).

HANDICAP CORNER

Rules of Handicapping – Player Responsibility



It's the beginning of a new golfing Season at RHGC in 2023. For members carrying an official handicap index, we'd like to refresh what your main responsibilities are. 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 the player is a member.
3. Ensure each golf club of which they are a member knows the details of (1) All other golf clubs that they are a member of, and (2) 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:
 - Know their current Handicap Index,
 - Inform the Handicap Committee or the Committee in charge of the Competitions of any discrepancies with their Handicap Index
 - Know the holes where handicap strokes are to be given or received, and
 - Record their correct handicap on the scorecard in a stroke-play Competitions.
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 before midnight on the day of play, and in the correct chronological order.
7. Submit *acceptable scores* to provide reasonable evidence of their demonstrated ability.
 - 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.arabiangolf.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.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Competitive golf is played mainly on a five-and-a-half-inch course... the space between your ears" - Bobby Jones

If you have any questions about the [handicap program](#) at RHGC, please feel free to email RHGC Handicap Director [Stephen Vezendy](#).



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

2022 Most Improved Player



Congratulations to Usama Siddiqui!
Usama started golf as a complete beginner at RHGC in April 2021 and has come a long way in a short period of time. From a 50+ handicap at the start to 15 in just 1.5 years demonstrates the significant strides he has made.

Per the RHGC Tournament Policy, each RHGC member is eligible to win the Most Improved Player of the Year Award. This was based on the player's December 1, 2021 official index handicap compared against their November 30, 2022 official index handicap. A player must be registered for the entire calendar year to qualify for this award.

To support inclusivity and diversity, starting in 2023 the Board has approved expanding this award to three categories: adult Male, adult Female and Junior.

2022 Hole-in-One Club



Kene Ufondu
Aug 16, Hole 8, White tee, 7 Iron
Maurice Seetsen
Aug 30, Hole 8, White tee, 4 Hybrid

2022 Match Play Winners



Singles Match Play
Les Hertlein



Team Match Play: Lee Kirk & Derrick Smith
Match Play A Flight: Derrick Smith



Match Play B Flight
Abdelbaki Boukbira



Match Play C Flight
Charles Lee

2022 Race to the Hills Winners

Place	Name	Total Points
1	Ahmad Ba Im	55
2	Abdelbaki Boukbira	52
3	Jake Rosenthal	48



2022 Race to the Hills Champion
Ahmad Ba Im

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEDAL RESULTS

November 5, 2022



Flighted Winners

A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	A	Hakseon Kim	71
2	A	YoungKyoung Ahn	72
3	A	David Bedford	73

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	B	Ahmad Ba Im	68
2	B	Sammy Kim	70
3	B	Colin Mallett	71

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	C	Junghyun Park	72
2	C	Dicky Suriakusumah	73
3	C	Obi Isichei	73

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	Feng Lu	69
2	D	Changwoo Son	72
3	D	Soyoung Hayer	73

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	John Okafor	71
2	D	Jae-Sang Song	73
3	D	Youngwook Song	74

Closest to the Pin

Hole	Winner	Distance
4	James Platt	5' 10"
8	Ahmed Daham	4' 4"
11	Junghyun Park	5' 3"
14	Edward Syafron	13' 1"

See full results [here](#)

DECEMBER MONTHLY MEDAL RESULTS

December 24, 2022



Flighted Winners

A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	A	Abdelbaki Boukbira	74
2	A	Simeon Bolarinwa	75
3	A	Yong Song Kim	76

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	B	Geonyoung Kang	68
2	B	Segun Akinyose	74
3	B	John Temaga	74

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	C	Dwi Waspada	70
2	C	Ismaeel Musa	71
3	C	Janice Lim-Anderson	71

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	Duncan Anderson	69
2	D	Feng Lu	73
3	D	Gunawan Romli	74

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	Jae-Sang Song	71
2	D	Myung Hwa Lee	71
3	D	Graham Cain	73

Closest to the Pin

Hole	Winner	Distance
4	Gunawan Romli	16' 0"
8	Chad Cannon	10' 8"
11	Jae Lee	2' 8"
14	Chad Cannon	10' 9"

See full results [here](#)

RHGC 2022
Golf Ball
FRIDAY, DEC 2 7PM CROWNE PLAZA BAHRAIN

