



RHGC NEWSLETTER



2024 RHGC Club Champions
Soonhae Kim - Ladies' Division Champion
Ross Hood – Men's Division Champion

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bruce Waldner
RHGC President

I wish everyone a joyful and prosperous New Year! I would also like to welcome Hannah Bowen, the Club's new professional, to RHGC. Many of you might know Hannah from her role as the SAGA Ladies' Golf Initiative leader early in 2024. More information about Hannah, including how to sign up for lessons, can be found on page 13.

Adding to the welcomes, the RHCG Executive Board would like to welcome three new RHGC Board members for 2025; please see page 4 for all of the Board members. The Board is already hard at work planning events and tournaments for 2025. As always, RHGC is 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 help out as a volunteer at a tournament, let us know; we would very much appreciate the help.

Big congratulations go out to Ross Hood and Soonhae Kim for winning their respective divisions in the 2024 Club Championship. For morning information, please see page 6.

The Opening Day Tournament is in January; this year's format is a modified 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 12.

Remember, in order to play in the Opening Day Tournament, you need to ensure you have paid your membership fees for 2025. See page 5 for more information about membership renewals.





LADIES GOLF LEAGUE



Peggy and Tamara

We had a lot of fun wrapping up our 2024 Nine and Dines and Tuesday Morning Ladies' League in December. All ladies are welcome to join us in the New Year, no matter your skill level!

Ask any of the ladies in these photos about participating and they'll tell you how warm and welcoming everyone is.



Email: rhgladiesdirector@gmail.com to be added to our WhatsApp group.

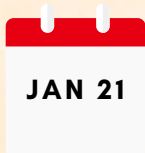
Ladies League

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NINE & DINE



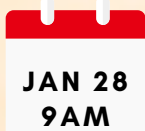
JAN 21

TMLL



JAN 24
9AM

LESSONS



JAN 28
9AM

LESSONS





2025 RHGC BOARD



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2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



A reminder has gone out on December 31st, around 7 am to those that have not renewed their membership for 2025. The email was sent to the Primary Member's email address 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: All 2024 memberships have expired as of December 31, 2024. Those who have not renewed will lose access to ForeTees until they've renewed for 2025. There will be no penalty for renewals processed between January 1st to 31st, 2025. Renewals processed February 1, 2025, or later will be subject to a 250SAR late fee.

Cart shed holders **must renew** by January 31, 2025. Failure to renew your membership will result in your cart shed being reassigned to the next member on the cart shed waiting list.





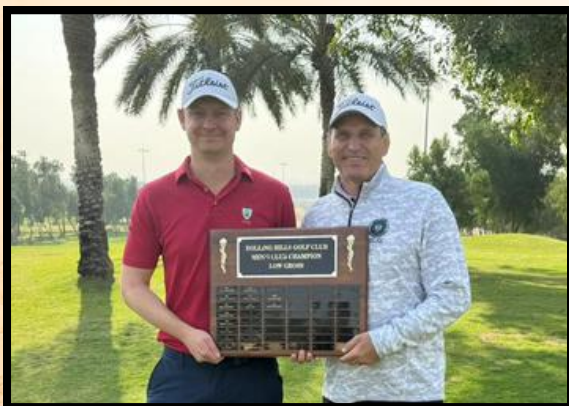
2024 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

RHGC would like to congratulate the winners of the 2024 Club Championship Tournament.

The RHGC Board would like to thank, on behalf of all the participants in the two-day Championship, all of the volunteers who assisted in making this a great event; your hard work, effort, and community spirit are greatly appreciated.



Soonhae Kim - Ladies' Division Champion



Ross Hood – Men's Division Champion

Overall Club Championship - Ladies Division

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Kim, Soonhae <i>Republic of Korea</i>	+32	87	89	176
2	Chun, Soyoung <i>Republic of Korea</i>	+37	90	91	181
3	Yoon, Soyun <i>Republic of Korea</i>	+39	86	97	183

Overall Club Championship - Men's Division

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Hood, Ross <i>United Kingdom</i>	+17	81	80	161
2	Hertlein, Les <i>United States</i>	+19	82	81	163
T3	Scallon, John-Paul <i>Ireland</i>	+21	80	85	165
T3	Boukbira, Abdelbaki <i>Tunisia</i>	+21	81	84	165

Flighted Championship - Mens Flighted Division

A Flight

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Hood, Ross <i>United Kingdom</i>	+17	81	80	161
2	Hertlein, Les <i>United States</i>	+19	82	81	163
3	Boukbira, Abdelbaki <i>Tunisia</i>	+21	81	84	165

B Flight

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Kim, Ick Soo <i>Republic of Korea</i>	+27	87	84	171
2	Kim, Hakseon <i>Republic of Korea</i>	+32	87	89	176
3	Abdkarim, Mohdghazali <i>Malaysia</i>	+34	86	92	178

C Flight

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Quaye, William <i>United States</i>	+45	97	92	189
2	Simamora, Alfian <i>Indonesia</i>	+45	94	95	189
3	Siddiqui, Usama <i>United Kingdom</i>	+46	94	96	190

D Flight

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Lu, Feng <i>United States</i>	+49	99	94	193
2	Song, Youngwook <i>Republic of Korea</i>	+54	94	104	198
3	Hong, Sunmyoung <i>Republic of Korea</i>	+60	101	103	204

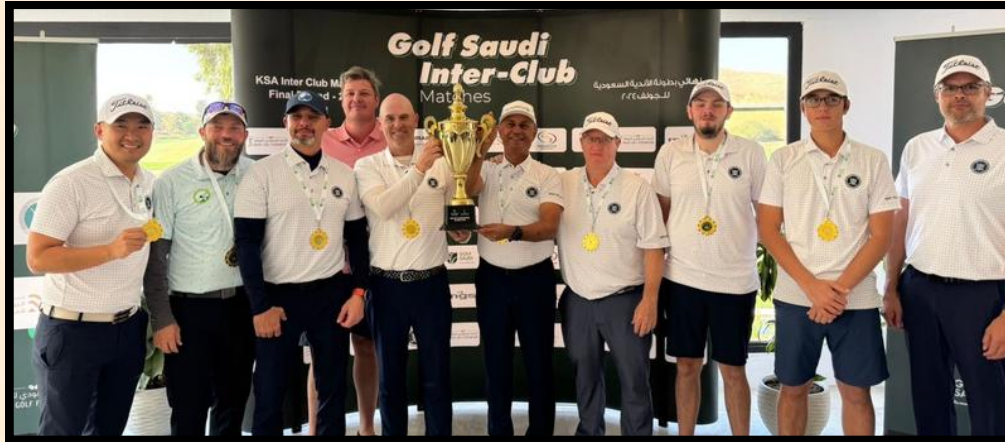
Full Results Here

Additional Photos Here





INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



Winning team and supporting players after receiving the trophy.

In 2024, Golf Saudi launched an exciting new initiative aimed at increasing the visibility of golf in Saudi Arabia called the Inter-Club Championship (ICC). For the first season of the ICC, six Saudi Arabia based clubs were selected to come together to play against each other over a series of rounds. For each of the six rounds, SAGA fielded a team of 8 players, with a total of 22 golfers representing the team over the full season. Lead by the team captains, Fahad Al-Mulaik and David Bedford, and supported by SAGA representatives, Minhaj Khan and Jeff Meisner, the SAGA team won a staggering 75% of the total points on offer, blitzing the rest of the field (this included beating Dirab on their home course in the final round to seal the victory).

A huge thanks to all the golfers who supported the team, along with family and friends who came out to support the team during each round. The trophy is on display in the RHGC clubhouse, and we're looking forward to defending the title during the 2025 season, with more SAGA club members getting a chance to join the competition.

Team	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	Points this Round	Total Points
Saudi Aramco Golf Association	1.00	3.00	7.00	4.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	24.00
Nofa Golf Resort	3.00	3.50	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.50	4.50	17.00
Safaa Golf Club	1.00	3.00	6.50		2.00	3.50	3.50	16.00
Dirab Golf Club	3.00	0.50	5.00	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	15.00
Royal Greens	3.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	13.00
Riyadh Golf Club	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	5.00	5.00	11.00





2024 AGM AWARDS

RHGC would like to congratulate all the outstanding winners and devoted volunteers who were recognized for their achievements and contributions at the 2024 Annual General Meeting.



2024 Match Play Series:

- Singles – Simon Evans
- Team – Geonyoung Kang / Chulsoon Choi
- Flighted match play winners:
 - A- Gertjan De Jong
 - B- Abdelbaki Boukbira
 - C- Manu Pillai



2024 Ladies' events:

- Most Points -Myung Hwa Lee
- Lowest Average Score- Sumin Park
- Best Eclectic Score (gross)-Soonhae Kim



[More photos can be found here](#)





2024 AGM AWARDS

2024 RTTH & Volunteer

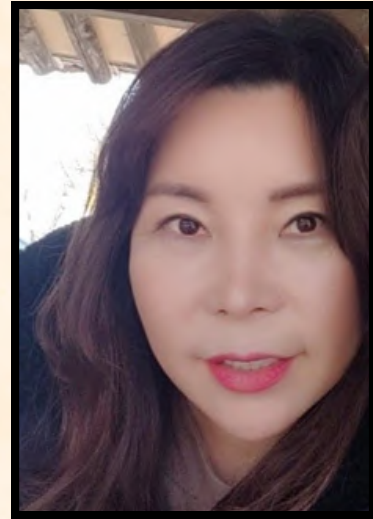
The Race to the Hills is a thrilling, season-long competition where players earn points through monthly medal events.

No tournament succeeds without the dedication of volunteers, whose efforts are vital to every aspect of tournament operations and significantly contribute to the success of the Club.

RHGC proudly congratulates the 2024 Race to the Hills Winner and the 2024 Volunteer of the Year. Both honors reflect an exceptional passion for the game and a steadfast commitment to the Club.

2024 Race to the Hills Winner:
Myungjin Lee

2024 Volunteer of the Year:
Wayne Greenhalgh



*2024 Race to the Hills Winner
Myungjin Lee*



*2024 Volunteer of the Year
Wayne Greenhalgh*





2024 AGM AWARDS

2024 Most Improved Golfers

Golf is a sport that continually challenges us, driving us to constantly refine our skills and make our game more enjoyable. Over the past year, our members have played more than 12,000 rounds of golf, and among them, three individuals have stood out by making remarkable improvements in their game.

We are proud to recognize these outstanding achievements. Leading the charge is our junior member, who has made the most significant progress of all, improving their Index from 9.3 to an impressive 4.3, resulting in an improvement factor of 1.30.

Join us in congratulating the 2024 Most Improved Golfers of the Year!

- Junior- Eric Heinold
- Adult Female- Soyoung Chun
- Adult Male- Simeon Bolarina



*Junior Most Improved Golfer
Eric Heinold - Improvement Factor: 1.307*



*Female Most Improved Golfer
Soyoung Chun - Improvement Factor: 1.159*



*Male Most Improved Golfer
Simeon Balarinwa -Improvement Factor: 1.199*





RHGC EVENT SCHEDULE

1
JANUARY

2025 MATCH PLAY SERIES

[More Info](#)

14
JANUARY

2025 WINTER TNL

[More Info](#)

18
JANUARY

OPENING DAY TOURNAMENT

[Register Here](#)

25
JANUARY

MONTHLY MEDAL

[Register Here](#)

7-8
FEBRUARY

RYDER CUP

[More Info coming soon](#)

14
FEBRUARY

VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT

[More Info coming soon](#)

[*For more events click here*](#)





RHGC EVENTS

2025 Match Play Series

Rolling Hills Golf Club

Tuesday Night League

ROLLING HILLS

2025 OPENING DAY TOURNAMENT

18 JAN 2025
Modified Lone Ranger Format
4-player Team event

JANUARY

MONTHLY MEDAL

Click Banners for more Info





RHGC CLUB PRO



Rolling Hills Golf Club Welcomes Hannah Bowen



PGA Advanced Professional Golfer

Rolling Hills Golf Club welcomes Hannah Bowen back to the Kingdom as our Teaching Professional Golfer. Many of our Members, and sections of the community will remember Hannah from early 2024 as an instructor in the Aramco Ladies Development Program, in association with Saudi Golf. Hannah will be with us from January 8 until March 2025 to help students develop skills, whatever their ability or experience.

Hannah is a PGA Advanced Professional Golfer, and Level 1 disability coach with ten (10) years' experience in training and development schemes, which encourage golfers from all cultures to learn and reap the mental health benefits that golf has to offer.

Originally from Neath in Wales, Hannah studied at Birmingham University and is one of the youngest golfers in the United Kingdom to have been awarded accreditation as a PGA Advanced Professional Golfer for her work, commitment and the development of female, junior and disability groups. Hannah is active with charities and specialist groups, and has been recognized for her advocacy for women in sport.

Hannah is qualified in coaching, custom fitting, Rules of Golf, Customer Service, Sports Science, First Aid, Safeguarding Children (Certified), Customer Service and Retail.

Lesson Category	RHGC Member	Non Member
Adult 30 Minute Lesson	200 SAR	250 SAR
Adult 45 Minute Lesson	250 SAR	300 SAR
Jnr* 30 Minute Lesson	150 SAR	200 SAR
Jnr* 45 Minute Lesson	200 SAR	250 SAR
60-minute Group Coaching	95 SAR Per Person	100 SAR Per Person
On Course 90 - Minute Lesson	475 SAR	525 SAR
On Course 180 -Minute Lesson	975 SAR	1025 SAR
* Junior Individual (10-18 Years) - 6th Lesson Free		

To book lessons please email Hannah on

hannahbowenpga@gmail.com or via Whatsapp: +4407943289301

Payments to be made in cash at the Golf Pro Shop during open hours,
or directly to Golf Pro if Golf Pro Shop is closed.





TIPS/ETIQUETTE

The Importance of Golf Bunkers Being Raked



Kevin Capstick



Raking golf bunkers is crucial for fairness, course maintenance, and overall respect for the game. A well-raked bunker ensures that every player faces the same challenge, preventing footprints or club marks from giving unfair advantages. It helps maintain the quality of the course by keeping the sand loose and smooth, reducing the need for extensive maintenance. Properly raking bunkers also shows respect for fellow players and the game's etiquette, fostering a positive golfing experience.

Additionally, raking helps maintain a steady pace of play by making it easier for players to assess their shots without disruptions. It enhances the aesthetic appeal of the course, keeping the environment visually pleasing. In many clubs, raking is a standard rule of etiquette, promoting a shared sense of responsibility. Ultimately, raking bunkers is a small but essential action that contributes to fairness, respect, and the preservation of the course, benefiting all players.

Players should take a moment to identify the safest route to their ball, always using the lowest gradient as a point of entry. After the bunker is raked and level, leave the rake in the sand close to the edge for ease of access for the next player.

