



RHGC NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bruce Waldner
RHGC President

It is with a mix of gratitude and sadness that I announce my decision to step down as President of Rolling Hills Golf Club, effective February 1st. I reached that magical mark of 60 years old in January, so finishing out my remaining year as President wasn't to be.

During my tenure, I have been privileged to witness the growth and camaraderie that define the RHGC community. With the RHGC Board, significant improvements both to our facilities and way we communicate with our members were made, and we also hosted numerous successful tournaments.

As I prepare to leave this role, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your support, enthusiasm, and commitment to RHGC.

RHGC will be left in good hands. David Bedford, the current Vice President, will take over as President. Jonathon D'Antoni, the current Handicap Director, will take over as Vice President. I am confident that both David and JD will bring fresh perspectives and energy to our club. I look forward to following the continued success of RHGC through Facebook.

It has been an honor serving as your President.

Bruce Waldner





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT...



David Bedford
Incoming RHGC President

On behalf of the RHGC Board, club members and all those who have had the privilege to know and play golf with Bruce, I would like to thank him for his dedicated service and to celebrate his legacy—a legacy built by a man whose dedication and passion has shaped the very fabric of the RHGC community. Not only has Bruce served in many board positions, culminating in his time as President for the past 3+ years, but he has also spent countless hours of his own time arranging countless golf events.

Bruce has also been a pioneer in bringing Rolling Hills into the digital age. His introduction of new IT systems and media programs revolutionized the way we operate, making our club more efficient, accessible, and member-friendly.

These advancements have not only enhanced our daily operations but have also positioned Rolling Hills as a forward-thinking, modern club, ready to embrace the future while honoring our rich traditions.

Thank you, Bruce, for your service, your friendship, and your commitment to our club. You will always be a valued member of the Rolling Hills family.

As incoming President, I look forward to continuing the legacy of continuous improvement at RHGC. As I work with the board through the transition, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, I'm always happy to chat about golf.

I would also like to congratulate the 2025 Opening Day winning team of Zaid Al-Amer, Abdelbaki Boukbira, Ismaeel Musa & Mohammed Mulla. Their incredible score of -14 was amazing given the Lone Ranger format. Full result can be found on page 5.

Being in the middle of the best season to play golf, keep your eyes on the [Upcoming Events](#) page to ensure you've signed up for all the tournaments. Ryder Cup is just around the corner! This is one of the biggest events of the year, so don't miss out. Registration closes on 3 February at 6:00pm.





LADIES GOLF LEAGUE



Peggy and Tamara

We start our Ladies League 2025 season with a bittersweet Ma'salama Nine and Dine for some of our members retiring at the end of January and early March. A 9-hole scramble was played, followed by pizza, salad, and cake at the Clubhouse.

The Ladies League will organize lessons with our Pro, Hannah Bowen.

February 14th, 2025
February 18th, 2025

[Book Here](#)



Ladies League Events



FEB 11

TMLL



FEB 19

**NINE &
DINE**



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





OPENING DAY TOURNAMENT



What an incredible day it was at the 2025 RHGC Opening Day Tournament! We are thrilled to announce the 1st-place team, which included Abdelbaki Boukbira, Zaid Al-Amer, Ismaeel Musa, and Mohammed Mulla, with a score of 130 (-14). Congratulations on an outstanding performance!

We look forward to an exciting season at RHGC and encourage all members to stay tuned for future events, leagues, and tournaments. Let's continue making this year unforgettable both on and off the course.

Congratulations once again to all the participants and winners!

Pos.	Foursome	To Par	Total
1	Al-Amer + Boukbira + Musa + Mulla <i>Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Canada</i>	-14	130
2	Al-Mulaik + Kim + Khan + Uche <i>Saudi Arabia, United States, Canada</i>	-12	132
3	Steenkamp + van der Merwe + Hood + Alfano <i>South Africa, United Kingdom, United States</i>	-12	132

Pos.	Player	Purse	Details
1	Kim, Soonhae <i>Republic of Korea</i>	SAR100.00	7ft10
Total Purse Allocated: SAR100.00			

Pos.	Player	Purse	Details
1	Masoud, Rodney <i>Venezuela</i>	SAR100.00	2ft7
Total Purse Allocated: SAR100.00			

Pos.	Player	Purse	Details
1	Sinesi, John <i>United States</i>	SAR100.00	4ft8
Total Purse Allocated: SAR100.00			

Pos.	Player	Purse	Details
1	Alfano, Gaylon <i>United States</i>	SAR100.00	2ft7
Total Purse Allocated: SAR100.00			

[For Full Results Click Here](#)





MONTHLY MEDAL



Congratulations to the winners and participants of the January Monthly Medal! Yeong Joo Kim shot a 68 to secure the overall Low Net, and Nik Stewart shot a 77 to win the overall Low Gross.

Don't forget to sign up for the February Medal event on February 15th! Registration is open until Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00pm.

Overall Low Net - Overall Low Net			
Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net
1	Kim, Yeong Joo <i>Republic of Korea</i>	-4	68
2	Quaye, William <i>United States</i>	-2	70
3	D'Antoni, Jonathan <i>United States</i>	-1	71

Overall Low Gross - A-Flight - Low Gross			
Pos.	Player	To Par Gross	Total Gross
1	Stewart, Nik <i>United Kingdom</i>	+5	77
2	De Jong, Gertjan <i>Netherlands</i>	+6	78
T3	Hertlein, Les <i>United States</i>	+10	82
T3	Boukbira, Abdelbaki <i>Tunisia</i>	+10	82

Closest to the Pin #04			
Pos.	Player	Purse	Details
1	Lee, Myung Hwa <i>Republic of Korea</i>	SAR100.00	6ft3

Closest to the Pin #08			
Pos.	Player	Purse	Details
1	Padilla, Chris <i>United States</i>	SAR100.00	0ft9

Closest to the Pin #11			
Pos.	Player	Purse	Details
1	Pomar, Kenri <i>Indonesia</i>	SAR100.00	3ft3

Closest to the Pin #14			
Pos.	Player	Purse	Details
1	Stewart, Nik <i>United Kingdom</i>	SAR100.00	22ft10

[For Full Results Click Here](#)





JANUARY COUPLES GOLF



In January, the Couples Golf group said Ma'salama to three couples at two separate events: Bruce and Bobbi Waldner, Mary and Feng Lu, Tamara Tahir, and Eric Wood. These three couples have been a large part of the golfing community and will be missed greatly.

We had a Canadian-themed event on the 19th with 8 teams (32 players, our largest group yet!), which also meant one of the largest feasts yet! We had half the teams on the Front 9 and half the teams off the Back 9, with everyone having to putt the final ball with a hockey stick. I'm not sure about everyone else, but I will stick with my trusty putter (even when it doesn't work so well).

On the 29th, we went with a Chinese New Year theme in honor of Mary and Feng and named the event format "Lucky Lu." It was a scramble with a chance at using your "lucky fortune," or unlucky as it may be, on 4 of the 9 holes. A feast was had as usual, and more fun and laughter.

If you and your partner want to join the fun, please contact David or Vikki Bedford to be added to the WhatsApp group. All skill levels are welcome, in both golf and cooking skills! We always have a great selection of foods to try and share.

Also, slots are still available for the Valentine's event on the 14th; secure your spot now. Registration will close on the 7th. For more information and to register, see pages 9 & 11.





VIP AND SPECIAL GROUPS



Kevin Capstick
RHGC Secretary

The regulations governing the use of Rolling Hills Golf Course are owned by Central Community Services Department (CCSD), please see the Recreation Manual for full details. On rare occasions, CCSD permits VIP's to play the course. Here is a quick reminder as to the policy and application process.

The RHGC Executive Board acts as quality assurance (QA) and reviewer for Member requests; once this process is complete, the application is sent to CCSD for consideration of approval.

A RHGC Member must sponsor the VIP by submitting the application form, and agree to play with that

person on the time and date specified. All forms must be submitted to CCSD no later than five (5) business days prior to the date the Member has applied to play. Please note the RHGC Board have full time jobs, and therefore, the QA and review process may take time, and in addition to the 5-day required by CCSD.....so plan ahead!

Applications must evidence the person is a VIP, as per the policy i.e. the person represents a registered vendor or supplier, and is an Executive (President, CEO, SNR VP, VP or CFO). Please note, the CCSD policy is not intended to include casual friends, relatives, or personal visitors.

For further details:

Visit the [RHGC Website](#)

Contact [RHGC Secretary](#)





BLACK TEES

As you are all aware, in advance of the 2024 Asian Invitational Tournament (AIT), three (3) new black tees were installed at the golf course, adding 85 yards to the golf course. This yardage added to the 147 yards that were added as a result of the two (2) black tees added in advance of the 2023 AIT brings the total yardage from the back sticks to 6,919 yards.

Below is a hole-by-hole breakdown of the additional yardage and the new total yardage from the new black tees.



Hole	Par	Previous Blue Tee Yardage	Yardage Added	New Black Tee Hole Yardage
1	4	348	84	432
2	5	577		577
3	4	436		436
4	3	213		213
5	4	383		383
6	5	519	63	582
7	4	346	24	370
8	3	152		152
9	4	397		397
Out	36	3,371	171	3,542
10	4	431		431
11	3	188		188
12	5	532	18	550
13	4	338		338
14	3	192		192
15	4	378		378
16	4	382		382
17	5	533		533
18	4	342	43	385
In	36	3,316	61	3,377
Total	72	6,687	232	6,919

The new black tees now make Rolling Hills significantly more challenging from the back tees and for handicap purposes will be a catalyst to have the golf course re-rated for black tees in the future.





RHGC EVENT SCHEDULE

1
FEBRUARY

JUNIORS EVENT

[Register Here](#)

7-8
FEBRUARY

RYDER CUP

[Register Here](#) Closes 3 February at 6:00pm

11
FEBRUARY

TMLL

[More Info](#)

14
FEBRUARY

VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT

[Register Here](#) Closes 7 February at 6:00pm

15
FEBRUARY

MONTHLY MEDAL

[Register Here](#). Closes 11 February at 6:00pm

19
FEBRUARY

NINE & DINE

[More Info](#)

1
MARCH

JUNIORS EVENT

[Register Here](#)

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





RHGC EVENTS



Rolling Hills Junior Golf

JUNIORS EVENT MARCH 1ST

WHO CAN PLAY?

For Junior Golfers ages 8-17 of all skill levels!
Free For Club Members or
Pay 50 SAR per junior at the pro shop

JOIN NOW!

AGENDA

- 10:00 AM Driving Range/Putting Warm up
- 10:20 AM Pairings Announced
- 10:30 AM Competitive groups head out to 1st Tee
- 10:30 AM Fun groups shot gun start on holes 4-6
- 12:30 PM All groups back to clubhouse for lunch and prizes

DETAILS

- Competitive Division:** For older/more experienced golfers who want to compete
- Fun Division:** For beginners/juniors who just want to have fun!
- All golfers must bring their own clubs, balls, and tees

A parent is requested to stay and supervise their kids for safety and logistics



REGISTER:

Please respond by Feb 25th

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RHGC EVENTS

  <p>TEAM USA/CANADA CAPTAIN</p> <p>TAMARA TAHIR</p>		<p>FEBRUARY 7-8TH 2025</p>  <p>TEAM ROW CAPTAIN</p> <p>FAHAD AL MULAIK</p>
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Valentine's Social Event
Rolling Hills Golf Club

Friday, February 14th

REGISTER HERE

PAY AT THE PROSHOP

We have your Valentine's date night sorted! A night of golf and dinner with your special someone. Cost is 350SAR per couple. Register as 4-person team. Not sure what couple to pair with? That's ok, we can pair you up with another couple! More details to follow.



FEBRUARY

MONTHLY MEDAL



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 Fixing Pitch Marks



John-Paul Scallion
RHGC Grounds & Rules Director

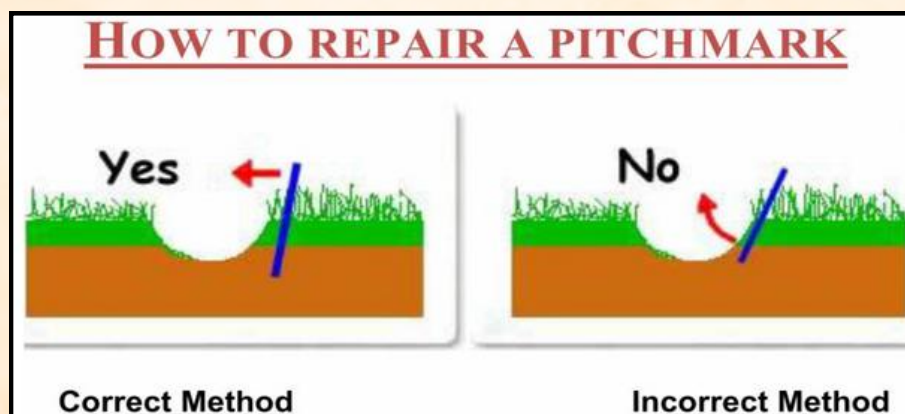
Ever wonder why a perfectly struck putt misses the hole?

An unrepaired pitch mark left for two hours will take up to two months (or longer) to recover. A pitch mark that is incorrectly repaired can take up to 4 weeks to effectively recover. A golfer will make 8 pitch marks during a round of golf.

Repairing a ball mark is quick and straightforward when done correctly.

1. Insert the ball mark repair tool just behind the mark.
2. Gently push the top of the tool toward the center of the mark.
3. Work your way around the mark, gradually pushing the surrounding turf inward toward the center.
4. Avoid lifting or twisting the tool, as this can harm the turf roots.
5. Once the turf is moved back into place, lightly press the area with your putter to smooth and firm the surface.

Following these steps helps maintain healthy turf and a smooth playing surface.



Please repair pitch marks and help us all hold more putts!





EXTERNAL EVENTS

Awali Golf Club

A Bapco Refining Sports Facility in the Kingdom of Bahrain presents the

60th Bahrain Open Championship

combined with the

36th Bahrain Ladies Open Championship

Friday 18th April 2025 – 1st Round
Saturday 19th April 2025 – Final day

The course will be available for practice on Wednesday, April 16th, and Thursday, April 17th, 2025

WHS Handicap Index limit for BO is 9.7
WHS Handicap Index limit for BLO is 38

Entry Fee:

40 BHD for guests

For more information please contact the secretary on openssecretary@awaligolfclub.com

