



RAHGC would like to wish everyone a very happy and New Year.

2020 promises to be another busy year and the schedule is already filling up with our weekly, monthly and annual events. On a weekly basis we have the Ladies Sunday Morning social golf, Wednesday evening social pairs (all members welcome), Monthly we have the Club Mistal Medals where golfers compete for the player of the year trophy and the eclectic prize in Ladies, Men's & junior categories. In March we host the Muscat Open, a 2 day event which is the oldest Amateur Golf Tournament in the Oman. Also in March we have the STS invitational and the 2 day prestigious RAHGC Club Championship.
Good luck to all Golfers in 2020.

47th Muscat Open March 6th and 7th, 2020



Golf Terms – What does it all mean?

Stableford is a scoring system in golf which, rather than counting the total number of strokes taken, involves scoring points based on the number of strokes taken at each hole. The objective in Stableford, therefore, is to have the highest score – unlike traditional scoring methods

Gross, or "**gross score**" in golf refers to the total number of strokes taken during your round of golf

Net score" refers to a golfer's score after handicap strokes have been deducted. Put more technically, the net score is a player's gross score (the actual number of strokes played) minus the strokes his or her course handicap allows to be deducted during the course of the round.

Better ball is a name for a golf competition format in which two golfers play as a team, but each playing his or her own ball throughout. On each hole, the two golfers on a team compare scores. The lower of the two scores – "the better ball" - counts as the team's score.

Stroke play, also known as **Medal** play, is a scoring system in the sport of golf in which the total number of strokes is counted over one, or more rounds, of 18 holes; as opposed to **Match-Play**, in which the player, or team, earns a point for each hole in which they have bested their opponents

General News from December 2019 & January

In December we kicked off the RAHGC 50th Golf Jubilee with a Social Pairs Shamble, we had a great turnout of 20 pairs playing. Vice-Captain Chris Bell and his partner Andy Smith won the event with a score of 29 points, close behind was the team of James Eccles and Lee Johnson with a score of 27 points. We also said goodbye to our Lady's Captain Fiona Howarth as she is returning home, all the best Fiona! The following day we celebrated 50 years of golf at RAHGC with a Stableford Spectacular (Individual and Team Betterball). Returning Former Captain Gary Battersby won the individual stableford with a fantastic score of 46 points beating the Medal Magician Tore Solberg who scored 41 points to win runner up prize. Gary's individual score helped propel him and teammate Kim Kristensen into the winners circle for the Pairs Betterball. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who played and celebrated the 50th Anniversary weekend.



Captain Ben Anderson & winners at the 50th Anniversary weekend:

Also in December we hosted the SOS Boxing Day Scramble we had a great turnout with seven teams playing. The Bhat family won the day with a tremendous score of 20.4, congratulations to Showkat, Shabnam, Abdullah and Suleiman. The team of Ben and Oscar Anderson, Shawn Skibinsky and Max Coventry were the runner up team scoring 24.8. Special Thanks to Joseph Stephen from SOS (Special Oilfield Services) for his support.



SOS Boxing Day Winners and Runners up:

The Bhat's & Andersons

In January we have had excellent participation in both the Monthly Mistal medal and the Musco Stableford. The Monthly Mistal Medal was played with a field of 42 players in 4 different divisions. The men's Gross winner with a 76 was Navaid Ahmed and for the net prize in division 1 with his best medal score was Andy Hiscock with a net 68 beating Darsh Pawani into second place on countback. Division 2 winner with an impressive net 65 was Sandeep Sachdeva, in second place with a net 67 was Mark Baines. In the ladies division Susanne Solberg wins with a net 70 with second place going to Jameela Daud and finally in the junior division Diego Ojeda was the clear winner with an amazing net 60.

The Musco Stableford was played with a field of 31 players vying for prizes in their respective divisions. Manoj Mahanta scored 36 points to win Division 1 beating Antonio Ojeda on countback. Division 2 was one by new member Robert Pancras with a great score of 43 points edging out runner up Naresh Chandwani (38 points). The juniors dominated Division 3 as Krish Pawani outscored Diego Ojeda 47 points to 43 points, Krish had the day's high score as well. Congratulations to our winners. From February we have a new sponsor, thanks to Sandeep Sachdeva and Techno Gears Industries Well done and thanks to all our competitors in the January competitions

2019 RAHGC
MATCHPLAY WINNER

Hussain Dad beat Nick Hymas in a playoff hole to be crowned 2019 Match play Champion, congratulations Hussain



Hole in One's



Congratulations to **Tim Russell** who shot a hole in one on the 4th hole & to **Sandra Riettdijk** for her hole in one on the 7th hole.



Golf Professional:

Darren Chapman is the new Head Professional and has arrived at the RAHGC and we would like our members to make Darren feel welcome. He is from Sydney, Australia and has been a member of the Australian Professional Golfers Association since 2002.

Before joining the team at the RAHGC, Darren was working in Vietnam for the past six years as the Golf Academy Director at Montgomerie Links Golf Club but is now excited to be in Muscat to help our members with their golf.

Darren has lots of different coaching options for individual lessons as well as many groups for beginners, ladies, juniors and intermediate golfers. These group classes fill up quickly so if you have interest in taking part, please be sure to contact Darren as soon as possible.

If you have any inquiries about coaching be sure to stop by the club and chat to Darren.



Darren Chapman:

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2020 PROMOTION

**BUY ANY COACHING PACKAGE
AND RECEIVE BONUS TIME**

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1 X 20 MINUTES FREE CHECK UP
8 X 50 MINUTES LESSONS RECEIVE
2 X 20 MINUTES FREE CHECK UP
12 X 50 MINUTES LESSONS RECEIVE
3 X 20 MINUTES FREE CHECK UP

WITH PGA HEAD PROFESSIONAL

DARREN CHAPMAN

(OFFER RUNS UNTIL 14/02/2020, LESSONS TO BE TAKEN BY 14/06/2020)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
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RAHGC is now water bottle Plastic Free, no longer will there be water bottles in golf carts and we ask all our members to bring their own water thermoses or purchase one in the golf shop. We will be providing more water stations on the course in the near future (Hole 4 and Hole 7).

New Players & interested in Joining:

If any current RAHRC members are interested in Golf and want to experience a friendly club with excellent facilities please contact the club. We have a very active golf & social calendar with many opportunities for new players to enjoy golf events in a supportive environment. The committee and golf operations team will be happy to hear from anyone who wants to learn more:

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The Course:

Ras Al Hamra has a 9 hole layout and is unique in Oman as the first completely floodlit Golf Course. Clever placement of multiple tees with large double greens as well as alternative locations create an 18 hole par 71 layout varying from 5,400 to 6,500 yards for which is great fun to play.

It was originally opened in 1969 as a sand course but has been redesigned as a grass course with established trees and native shrubs planted throughout so that the landscape resembles the barren and rocky feel of the surrounding Omani environment.

In addition to the nine holes it boasts its own floodlit practice area.



