

For the past 5 years now Martin Shaw of Arabian Homes (RGBB Member) has been organising a social golf evening out at the Dirab Golf Club on the first Wednesday of every month for his golfing residents. This has become locally known as the **Monthly Mulligans**, it is great fun and a good way of meeting new friends with the emphasis on having a bit of fun. Martin is now cordially inviting any RGBB member to take part and no matter what handicap you are or indeed how seriously you take the game this night is for you. The next trip out has been set for Wednesday 4th July 2001 and is open to spouses too! (yes I know it's hot, but what the heck ?)



For those able to get away (aka skive off work) early there is usually a 'pin checking' front nine group teeing off around 3.00 pm and then the tournament proper takes place at 6.00 pm on the back nine and is normally in a Texas Scramble format. After which it is back to the restaurant on Arabian Homes for a dinner and informal prize giving ceremony. If you would like to participate or indeed would like any further information please register your name with Martin Shaw on the Arabian Homes telephone number 454 1888 extension 449 alternatively his mobile number is 055 220 893 or email mshaw@arabian-homes.com.sa

We have been repeatedly asked who is Mulligan or what does Mulligan mean, for those who have asked please read on. Everywhere in the world, whenever golfers hit a miserable drive off the first tee box and then quickly tee up a second ball, they invariably invoke the most crucial and yet most sensible modification of the Rules of Golf ever devised in the history of the game - taking a Mulligan !

Following on from this regarding the mystery of the word Mulligan, it has come to our notice that some wags have let it be known that the term is nothing more than a contraction of the phrase "maul it again". In fact some of these misguided students of the game have even made the far fetched suggestion that there was no actual Mulligan and he never existed !

Well we can tell these lost souls that Mulligan can be directly traced back to the time when the Dead Sea scrolls were unrolled for the first time. There can be seen the hand-written pages filled with Mulligan's amazing insights into golf and his ingenious sketches of ideas for innovation in the game that would not be introduced for many decades to come.

Here we provide you with some extracts from those very Dead Sea scrolls

- ◆ *The game of golf is 90 % mental and 10 % mental.*
 - ◆ *It's as easy to lower your handicap as it is to reduce your hat size*
 - ◆ *But if you really want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.*
 - ◆ *Strokes always accumulate faster than they can be forgotten*
- My favourite
- ◆ *Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three !*
 - ◆ *Whenever you are unfortunate to play in a mixed foursomes, there will always be at least one hole where you have to hit your second shot before the ladies tee off.*
 - ◆ *The only sure way to find that sliced drive deep into the woods is to hit a provisional ball 265 yards straight down the middle.*
 - ◆ *And the only sure way to hit a perfectly straight 265 yard drive is to decide not to go for it on a dog leg hole.*
 - ◆ *One birdie is a hot streak*
 - ◆ *When you know you are going to have to stop before completing 18 holes you will par all the remaining holes*
 - ◆ *No golfer ever swung too slowly*
 - ◆ *No golfer ever played too fast*
 - ◆ *Don't play with anyone who would question a 7.*
 - ◆ *No matter how badly you are playing it is always possible to play worse.*
 - ◆ *Any change in the swing will work for only three holes.*
 - ◆ *The odds of hitting a duffed shot increase by the square of the number of people watching you at that particular moment.*
 - ◆ *The more memorable the swing thought, the more useless the information it conveys.*
 - ◆ *Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.*
 - ◆ *When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.*
 - ◆ *The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.*
 - ◆ *The less intelligent the player, the more certain he is to offer insights into the mental side of the game.*
 - ◆ *The source of your latest swing fault is a recent correction.*
 - ◆ *There are no little problems*
 - ◆ *There are no tiny changes*
 - ◆ *There are no small pieces of advice*
 - ◆ *No golfer ever dressed too plainly*

See you next time for more of the same

MONTHLY SOCIAL GOLF



Martin Shaw

