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## Pick of the day

Stableford event over two magnificent courses  
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UAE golfers looking for some competitive action this summer should cast their eyes over the RAK Ramadan Open to be held later this month.

The RAK Ramadan Open takes place over two days at the Ras Al Khaimah courses: Al Hamra and Tower Links Golf Clubs, and is once again being staged during the holy month, having done so successfully in previous years.

The event format is over a 36-hole individual stableford, which includes a full-course handicap. Day one features 18 holes at Tower Links Golf Club with a 13:30 shotgun start, while day two is 18 holes of nerve-wracking action at Al Hamra Golf Club, with an 08:00 shotgun start.

The tournament is open to male, female and junior amateur golfers, with the maximum allowable handicap set at 28 for men and 36 for ladies and juniors.

Entries will be confirmed after the closing date of Sunday, July 15 with the draw available the day after from midday.

All players require a valid EGF handicap or nationally-recognised handicap. A handicap ballot may be necessary based on the number of



entries in the tournament, which has grown in recent years.

Indeed Ras-Al Khaimah, often dubbed the "forgotten Emirate" is a magnificent setting to play golf, with beautiful scenery not found anywhere else in the UAE.

The Al Hamra Golf Course, designed by Peter Harradine, meanders around four inter-connected open water lagoons merging seamlessly with the water of the Arabian Gulf.

As many traditional links course

the most accomplished of players with an enjoyable and interesting golfing challenge.

Tower Links Golf Club opened its doors in May 2004 with the floodlit back nine and Golf Academy.

In January 2005 both the front nine and the Clubhouse were also operational.

The golf course is situated through a mangrove reserve with the Hajar Mountains serving as a majestic backdrop.

Get signed up to the RAK Ramadan Open and experience these two beautifully-laid out courses for yourself.

### Entry Fee

Full/Gold Member: Dh200  
 5 Day/Silver Member: Dh300  
 NESLP/AH/TL Summer Promotion Card Holder: Dh350  
 EGF Member: Dh400  
 Non-Members: Dh500  
 Junior: Dh250

### Fee includes

Two rounds of golf  
 Shared kart and range balls  
 Presentation buffet (day two)  
 Prizes and special event prizes

**What:** 2012 RAK Ramadan Open.

**When:** July 20-21. Entry closes Sunday, July 15 at midnight. Entry forms can be found at [www.alhamragolf.com](http://www.alhamragolf.com) and [www.towerlinks.com](http://www.towerlinks.com).

**Where:** Al Hamra and Tower Links Golf Clubs, Ras-Al Khaimah.

do, the front nine measuring 3,578 yards makes its way out and away from the Clubhouse, while the back nine measuring 3,747 yards returns home around the lagoon to the clubhouse.

The result is a stunning par-72 golf course measuring 7,325 yards at full length designed with five varying tee options on each hole.

Al Hamra Golf Club's Par 72 Championship course lends itself perfectly to all levels of golfers, providing the fledgling novice or



The Open's at stake: Al Hamra Golf Course features plenty of water hazards