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Asian Golf Travel Nation - March 2012



Dear Golf Travelers,



Welcome to the latest issue of the Asian Golf Nation, the source for news breaking information about golf in Asia.

In addition, unique golf playing tips for Indochina's tropical environment, announcements of golf travel promotions, and our latest subscription offer are all integral parts of today's newsletter.

The year is already moving fast as we already change seasons from winter to spring. For many of you, this means it's time to dust off the clubs and start practicing. In Asia, it is a time to start our low season, which means low prices for you. Golfers are encouraged to take advantage of


special discounts where one can golf at rates as much as 50% less than during high season, and this includes both standard and premium courses throughout the region. [Inquire here](#) to find out more details!

Of course there are lots of 'happenings' around the region so with that, I invite you to enjoy this edition of the Asian Golf Nation.

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Golf news from around the region:

Thailand

 Pattaya: Siam Country Club has selected IMG to design a new 18 holes to complement the existing 45 holes. Planning and design works have started with construction due to start in late 2012 and course opening planned for 2014. In the meantime, the largest ever Thailand golf event was staged at the [Siam Country Club, Old Course](#). With 14,000 attendees the Honda LPGA went down to the wire when Yani Tseng birdied the last hole to beat Ai Miyazato.


Bangkok: Another high end Bangkok driving range will be open soon. Combining one of my favorite and authentic Bangkok spas, the [Phothalai Masters Golf & Leisure Center](#) might just become one of the best places to practice golf in the area. Stay tuned for opening announcements and special golf & spa promotions.



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Michelle Wie @ Honda LPGA 2012

Vietnam

 Hanoi: Another huge golf project is the Nicklaus designed [Legend Hill Golf Resort](#) in Soc Son hamlet. The first 9 holes and driving range are open while the second nine is probably 1 year away. No word on when visitors are welcome. I guess they

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are keeping the course for Vietnamese golfers.

Danang: here is the latest from IMG regarding Danang's 4th golf course. Construction on the Luke Donald designed; **Ba Na Hills golf course** in Danang, Vietnam is on track to complete 9 holes by the end of 2012. Plans call for Mini Verde and Celebration Bermuda varieties of turf to be used on the golf course. Earthworks have been completed on 4-5 holes and grassing will follow in the coming months.



Cambodia

Phnom Penh: If the Grand Phnom Penh Jack Nicklaus signature course was not enough, construction is set to start on a second premium **Phnom Penh golf** course. Detailed design work on the East Course at the new **Vattanac Golf Resort** in Cambodia's capital city is now complete, with golf course construction expected to get underway on the Faldo Design project in 2012. Check-out this ridiculous picture of the Angkor Wat inspired 3rd hole. The plan is to create two 18-hole championship standard courses 15 kilometers from the center of Phnom Penh. Watch for me in the Cambodian Open pro-am at the Grand Phnom Penh on March 18.



With that I would like to thank those of you who have golfed in Asia this winter, it was nice seeing you and I hope your trip was memorable one. Others who want to travel here, but have not made your plans, it's not too late. South East Asia remains the best value premium golf destination in the world and we can build you a **golf package** to suit any budget and preferred style of travel.

Until the next newsletter, happy golfing!

Mark Siegel
Managing Director of Golfasian

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Bali - A Personal Destination Review by Nena Huwae - Marketing Manager @ Golfasian


The top course and beach destination in Indonesia. Bali has an extensive nature with beautiful beaches, rice plantations, and still an active volcano. The culture in Bali is buddist and this attracts visitors from all over the world.

Bali hosts top courses like: Nirwana Bali GC (Greg Norman design), New Kuta (Asian most challenging), Bali Golf & CC (One of Asia's 5 Best Courses) and Bali Handara (Peter Thompson design 1.142m. above sea level). In between rounds you will have the option to explore the insights of Bali's cultural, natural and artistic aspects.

You will have an extensive choice of great resorts and hotels. Bali has different beaches like the famous and crowded beach Kuta Beach. Golfers that would like to be in a more relax setting can stay at Nusa Dua or Seminyak Beach. Bali is the most visitor friendly destination in Indonesia and for those that did not explore this beautiful island before now is the time, as Golfasian has great deals for this upcoming season. [\[Read more...\]](#)

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★ Featured Golf Course - Nirwana Bali Golf Club

Every golfer dreams of the perfect landscape to play and there is no doubt that the physical characteristics of the Nirwana Bali Golf Course are just that. Lying on Bali's southwest coastline at Tanah Lot, Nirwana Bali Golf Club was designed by Greg Norman and opened in July 1997. The course is a 30 minute scenic drive from Kuta Beach, the Bali airport, and the capital city of Denpasar.



Nirwana Bali Golf Club

The golf course overlooks the Indian Ocean and weaves through rice terraces and towering palm trees. A 6805 yard par 72 championship golf course, it has been voted by Golf Digest and Asian Golf Monthly as the best golf course in Indonesia and best golf resort in Asia, respectively. [\[Read more about one of Bali's Best Golf Courses\]](#)

★ Featured Hotel - The Laguna Resort & Spa Nusa Dua Bali

This luxurious 5-star hotel is centrally located in Nusa Dua and only 10 minutes from Bali Golf & Country Club.

This hotel is perfect in terms of value for those wanting to mix-in a little bit of sightseeing, golf and beach relaxation while visiting the island.



The Laguna Resort & Spa Nusa Dua Bali

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🧳 Golf Trip Idea: Best of Bali Golf

Play golf at all of the Bali golf courses, relax at one of the sand beaches, shop at local markets and huge shopping malls, and enjoy the great Balinese cuisine.

Not only will you play at the best courses but you will also discover the true Balinese culture and attractions.

You have the option to stay at one of the selected top resorts on the island. Don't wait any longer and enjoy the Best of Bali!

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Best of Bali Golf @ Nirwana Bali Golf Club

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Sawadee Krap Khun Mark & Yim!

I just wanted to thank you both very much for arranging such a wonderful trip to Thailand for our Hawaii golf group and for your warm hospitality and generosity! Yim, every single arrangement from the accommodations, golf courses, transportation, sightseeing and meals worked out perfectly! I know I was a bit too specific at times regarding details and I appreciate your patience with me. In the end, all our members were very happy from the day we arrived to the day we departed! [\[Read the entire testimonial\]](#)



Kama'aina Golf & Ski Travel Group in BKK



Press Release: Golf Greats Team Up in Vietnam

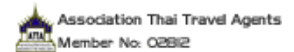
DANANG, Vietnam (February 14, 2012) -- They were the fiercest of rivals on the golf course, now three greats of the modern era of golf - Colin Montgomerie, Greg Norman and Sir Nick Faldo - have come together to promote golf tourism far from their fields of battle, in Vietnam.

With their tournament playing days virtually over, each of the trio has turned his attention to other business activities, including designing world-class golf courses. Between them, they have 108 courses in play, including one each in Asia's newest and most exciting golf destination, Vietnam's Central Coast based on the country's third largest city, Danang. [\[Read the entire Press Release\]](#)



Danang Golf Club, Golf Coast Vietnam

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Banyan Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand



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Bangkok Dining

Many on a Thailand golf package spend at least a few days in Thailand's capital during their golf holiday as it offers convenient flight connections to around the world in addition to great golf, high standard accommodation, shopping, dining and entertainment. I am often asked for restaurant suggestions and while I do not claim to be a foodie, I know what I like.

[Read on for a brief list of some of my favorites.](#)

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I would love to hear about any golf tips that any of you may have developed for getting the maximum enjoyment from your golf trips, and can incorporate some in future articles. Therefore if you have any golf tips or suggestions you would like to share, please [let me know](#) by dropping me an email.

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Golfing Tips by Ian Morgan - Reading Grain on the Greens

Golfers playing in Thailand for the first time often have problems reading the greens. Without getting too technical, the grain refers to the direction the blades of grass grow.

If the green appears shiny to the cup you are going down grain and the putt will be faster and have less break. If the grass appears dull or darker you are putting into the grain and the put will be slower and take more break

Trust your caddy, she will know best!



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Golfasian has a full schedule of tradeshows and roadshows during the next few months.

You can find us at the following events:

- April 22 - 24, 2012 - IAGTO Asia Golf Tourism Convention (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- April 26 - May 01, 2012 - Post IAGTO Asia Conference Golf Tour Operator Fam Trip (Phuket & Bangkok, Thailand)
- November 12 - 15, 2012 - International Golf Travel Mart (IGTM) 2012 (Algarve, Portugal)



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