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March 2018 Edition

Dear Golf Travelers,

Welcome to this issue of the Asian Golf Nation, the source for news breaking information about golf in Asia. Also, 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 when many of the North Asian golfers who winter here return home. The fairways across Thailand clear out, and the weather in the more northern destinations like Danang and Hanoi turns spectacular.

On our side, it's tournament month as we are hosting two amateur events. The 4th editions of [Hua Hin and Pattaya Golf Week](#) open for play March 11-17 and March 18-24, respectively. Currently, more than 50 players from 16 countries signed up for each event. If you are interested in joining either or both of these fantastic golf weeks, [then drop me a line](#). Otherwise, be sure to check out the [Centara Masters](#) in June and newly launched [Pattaya Singles Week](#) in September. Both will raise the bar on tournament golf for club golfers in Asia.

As usual, there are lots of 'happenings' around the region so with that, I invite you to enjoy this edition of the Asian Golf Nation, learn about what's new in golf travel from around the region.

The golf, culture, and exotic beauty of Asia are perfectly suited for unforgettable golf experiences. Whether it be playing in one of our organized [golf tournaments](#) or on a golf holiday, you are guaranteed to play world-class golf, meet friendly locals, experience excellent cuisines, sample exotic cultures, and enjoy fascinating entertainment. Best of all everything on offer is at great prices. Complete [full-service](#) itineraries created for your specific travel preferences, expectations, group size, and budgets are our specialty; contact us for a [competitive quote](#).

With that, I invite you to read on and hear what's new from around the region.

Until the next newsletter, happy golfing and I hope to see you in Asia very soon!

Mark Siegel

Managing Director of Golfasian

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GOLF NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION



Pattaya

Did you manage to watch any of the US LPGA tournament at Siam Country Club last month? Jessica Korda clobbered the competition with a course record score of 25 under. It fits as this was the same course she debuted as a professional golfer in 2011. Then she finished almost dead last with a score of 11 over. That's a 26 shot improvement in 7 years. Her coach (or maybe mom and dad) should receive a medal of honor for helping Jessica achieve such a dramatic scoring improvement. [Siam Country Club, Old Course](#) is currently rated the 73rd best golf course in the world and welcomes visitors throughout the year. Why not give the legendary undulated putting surfaces and challenging green complexes at Siam Old a go on your next Pattaya golf trip?

Nha Trang

Golf in Vietnam is already the best in Asia, The Bluffs and Danang GC rate 35th and 94th in the world, respectively. Now, I might be going out on a limb here, but can you believe Vietnam golf is about to get even better? Debuting this year is the [KN Golf Links, Cam Ranh](#). As can be seen in this photo, the links course, built on dunes, overlooks the East Sea. Coincidentally, Greg Norman was behind the design of all three courses, so I guess he knows a thing or two about site selection and links golf. I bet that once open KN Golf Links will be the world's best new golf course, it's that good! By the way, KN is the initials of the Chairman and Chairwoman, Mr. Kiem and Madam Nhung, who own the golf course. That's romantic!



Singapore

Sentosa Golf Club is known as the top golf club in Singapore. However, when I was living there back in the 1980s, the site was merely a mangrove swamp and pipe dream. Later it was filled with sand dredged from the straits which separate Singapore from Indonesia. Now after renovations, the [Serapong Course](#) is ranked 79th in the world and is best known for its dramatic views of the Singapore skyline and the home of the Singapore Open. Not to be outdone, this month the new [Tanjong Course](#) will host the 11th edition of the LPGA's HSBC Women's World Championship. 19 of the top 20 ranked golfers in the world, including all five major winners from last year, will compete. If you are in town, stop by it is sure to be a great week of golf.

GOLF DESTINATION REVIEW: PATTAYA



A two hour drive from Bangkok, Pattaya is a true golfer's paradise.

There are twenty golf courses [golf courses in the Pattaya](#), Rayong and Chonburi area with an excellent mix of world class courses and some gems I have discovered there over the last few weeks.

Of the courses available, the top and most popular to play are three at the world famous Siam Country Club. Siam Country Club Old Course designed by Ichisuke Izumi recently hosting the Honda LPGA , Siam Country Club Plantation designed by Lee Schmidt and Brian Curley, Siam Country Club Waterside under IMG Golf Course Management and The Jack Nicklaus designed Laem Chabang International Country Club. These four courses you would find hard to beat anywhere in the world. [[Read the entire review](#)]

[Book Your Next Pattaya Golf Holiday Now!](#)



FEATURED PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

FEATURED GOLF COURSE



Siam Country Club, Waterside Course

The Siam Country Club Waterside Course is the third layout from Siam Country Club in Pattaya. The Waterside Course, designed by IMG, features gently sloping terrain, making it very different from the hillier Siam Country Club Old and Plantation Courses. Spread out over 200 acres the golfer friendly course is of the same championship quality and 5-star experience as its other two big brothers next door.

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FEATURED HOTEL



AVANI Pattaya Resort & Spa

Relax in a tropical oasis. Sunbathe on the beach. Cool off under leafy palms. Dine and shop til you drop. Retreat to a peaceful, quiet oasis nearby all the big attractions. Treat yourself to a spa day. Get active in the pool, on the green or tennis court. Let our Thai hospitality and service take care of your every whim. AVANI Pattaya Resort and Spa has endless options for fun, romance and adventure. Explore the seaside with energy and ease. Just how you like it.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

[Centara World
Masters Golf
Championship](#)

10 - 16 June 2018

[Mercure Pattaya 2
Ball Golf
Championship](#)

17 - 23 June 2018

[AccorHotels Vietnam
World Masters](#)

9 - 15 Sep. 2018

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16 - 22 Sept. 2018

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PRESS RELEASE

Singles Golf Week – It's New, Fun & Coming Soon to Pattaya!



Pattaya, Thailand 21 February 2018 -- Thailand's famed holiday playground of [Pattaya will host a week of golf](#), fun and entertainment for singles from 16 to 22 September 2018. Open to all singles, you don't have to be off single figures, you just have to be single!

Australian based Go Golfing started hosting golfing get-togethers for singles more than 10 years ago. Founder, Peter McCarthy, arranged the events as an alternative to online dating or trying your luck in clubs and bars. "For the golf we grouped two guys and girls of a similar age and golfing ability. Better golfers enjoy the challenge of the courses, while beginners liked the novelty of driving golf carts and having a hit and giggle. The post golf dinner and entertainment provided additional opportunities for personalities to shine and to meet more people."

The events were fun, social and classy and typically the majority of the singles were aged 30 to 55.

Now singles can bring their sense of fun and adventure and passion for golf to Pattaya, just 90 minutes' drive from Bangkok. Pattaya is known worldwide as a holiday destination of amazing beauty, with sandy beaches, water sports, world-class golf, tantalizing Thai cuisine, rooftop bars and exotic nightlife.

[Register for the Event!](#)

[Read the Whole Story!](#)

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6 Reasons Why Vietnam May be the Perfect Golf Getaway

Golf in Vietnam is becoming an increasingly popular activity and it's easy to see why with a diverse and picturesque landscape, five-star hotels at a fraction of the price, delicious award-winning dining options and a plentiful amount of stunning resorts and championship quality golf courses designed by all your favorite architects while featuring ocean and mountain views at every turn.

[Find Out Here!](#)

GOLF FUN



Playing from the right Tee markers

Coming from England we have reds tees for juniors and ladies, yellows for men and general play and whites for competitions.

Not in Thailand - There can be four, five or six sets of tees at each golf course! However choosing the right one can have a big impact on your golf holiday. Look at the yardages and course map before you start or ask us...

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GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE & CLOSURES



Thailand

Bangkok

- **Alpine Golf and Sports Club**: Course underwent coring green during 3-4 April..
- **Kiarti Thanee Country Club**: Course will be closed until April 2019 for renovation.
- **Lam Luk Ka Country Club**: Course will be closed during 16-17 April for Songkran Holidays.
- **Muang Kaew Golf Club**: Course will be closed on 12 March for a private function.
- **Nikanti Golf Club**: Course will be undergoing maintenance during 1-12 April. Course will be closed on 10-11, 14-18 and 21-24 April for the BMW Tournament.
- **Thai Country Club**: Course will be undergoing annual turf grass cultivation maintenance during 3-11 April.

Hua Hin

- **Banyan Golf Club**: Course will be undergoing coring green on 9 July.

Pattaya

- **Siam Country Club, Old Course**: Course will be closed during 3-4 May for a tournament. Course will be undergoing coring green during 14-18 May.
- **Siam Country Club, Plantation Course**: Course will be undergoing coring green during 19-23 March (Pineapple Course), 16-20 April (Tapioca Course), 7-11 May (Sugar Cane). Course will be closed during 31-31 May for a tournament.
- **Siam Country Club, Waterside Course**: Course will be closed during 2-6 & 27 April and 8-11 May for a tournament. Course will be undergoing coring green during 21-25 May (all 18 holes).

Phuket

- [Laguna Golf Phuket](#): Course will be undergoing green verticut and topdressing sand during 5-6, 12-16 & 19-20 March.

Chiang Mai

- [Alpine Golf Resprt Chiang Mai](#): Course will be closed on 8, 24 & 31-31 March for tournaments.
- [Chiang Mai Inthanon Golf and Natural Resort](#): Course will be closed on 10 March for a tournament.
- [Gassan Khuntan Golf & Resort](#): Course will be closed on 24 March for a tournament.
- [Gassan Legacy Golf Club](#): Course will be closed during 12-17 March for the Singha SAT Lamphun Championship 2018.
- [The Royal Chiang Mai Golf Club & Resort](#): Course will be closed on 11 March for a tournament.

Chiang Rai

- [All courses are in good condition.](#)



Vietnam

Danang

- [All courses are in good condition.](#)

Hanoi

- [Hanoi Golf Club](#): Course will be closed on 4, 11, 17, 18 & 25 March for tournaments.
- [Heron Lake Golf Course & Resort](#): Course will be closed on 5 March for coring green.

Hai Phong / Halong Bay

- [All courses are in good condition.](#)

Nha Trang

- [Diamond Bay Golf & Villas](#): Course will be closed on 12 March for a tournament.

Saigon

- [Long Thanh Golf Club](#): Course will be closed on 10 & 30 March for tournaments.
- [Song Be Golf Resort](#): Course will be closed on 7 & 17 March for tournaments.
- [Twin Doves Golf Club](#): Course will be closed during 8-11 & 29 March for tournaments.

Vung Tau

- [All courses are in good condition.](#)



Indonesia

Bali

- [Bali National Golf Club](#): Course will be closed in the afternoon of 24 March for a tournament.
- [Bukit Pandawa Golf & Country Club](#): Course will be closed on 10 March for a tournament.
- [Handara Golf Resort Bali](#): Course will be closed on 10 March for a tournament.
- [New Kuta Golf](#): Course will be closed on 10 March for a tournament.
- [Nirwana Bali Golf Club](#): Course will be closed until 31 July 2020 for major renovation.



Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur

- [TPC KL, East Course](#): Tee times only available in afternoon until 31 Aug 2018.
- [TPC KL, West Course](#): Course will be closed for renovation until 31 Aug 2018.



Cambodia

Siem Reap

- **Phokeethra Country Club**: Course will be closed from 1 April - 31 July for renovation.

Phnom Penh

- **All courses are in good condition.**



Myanmar

Yangon

- **Royal Mingalardon Golf and Country Club**: Course will be closed on 10-11 & 27 March for tournaments.



Singapore

- **All courses are in good condition.**

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