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Asian Golf Travel Nation - May 2014



Dear Golf Travelers,



Welcome to this edition of the Asian Golf Travel Nation, the source for news breaking information about Asian Golf. 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.

First of all, I would like to wish you and your family a joyous and prosperous Thai New Year. Thailand's New Year; Songkran, is the most festive occasion for Thai people. While renowned worldwide for its extravagant celebrations, Songkran stems from ancient traditions that are still observed today. It is also a time for excellent golf. Happy Thai New Year to golfers worldwide!

This month also marks the start of the low season throughout Asia. Prices down and there are fewer golfers on the courses. Add to this excellent service and cultural diversity and you have the makings of a golf holiday beyond expectations. Check out our special offers and golf packages and you will see exactly what I mean.

On our side, I am headed to South Africa for the first ever Thailand golf road show. This should be very interesting as it is always a joy to visit new places and welcome new golfers to the region. I will report on my trip next month. Also, the Centara World Masters in June is almost sold-out. We can accommodate only a few more golfers, so if you are interested in this event, [let me know](#) as soon as possible and I will try to reserve a slot for you. Otherwise we just launched 2 new great events for October and the [details are here](#).

We have now placed all of our amateur golf tournaments under one brand, the '[Asia Golf Week](#)'. Head over to the newly launched website to register for one of the most exciting amateur golf weeks held in Asia!

As always there are many golf happenings around the region so with that, I invite you to read this edition of the Asian Golf Nation.

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Golf news from around the region:

Thailand



Pattaya: Pattaya's golfing options expand this month with the opening of the [Siam Country Club Waterside Course](#). The new 18-holes complement the existing 45 championship holes of the Siam Country Club Old Course (18) and Plantation Course (27). Designed by IMG Design, Waterside is a

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fun layout that is playable for golfers of all abilities. The site features the gentle topography with water coming into play on 6 of the 18 holes. In fact the closing stretch on both nines plays around a huge lake, hence the Waterside namesake.




Siam Country Club, Waterside Course



Gassan Lake City, Chiang Mai

Chiang Mai: Remodeling of [Gassan Lake City](#) is underway including new grass, bunkering, and greens. The project is being handled by Schmidt-Curley (Amata Spring, Siam CC, etc.) and should be completed this year. Upon completion, Lake City will contribute greatly towards growing the popularity of golf in Chiang Mai.

Vietnam

 Ho Chi Minh City: Grassing and kiosk construction is in progress at the new Tan Son Nhat Golf Club adjacent to the Saigon airport with the same name. The course opens this month and although owned by the Vietnam Army, visitor play is welcome. Here is a good deal. [Book any stay and play package in Saigon before May 31](#) and your round at Tan Son Nhat Golf Club is on us!



Saigon, Vietnam




Hanoi: Construction on Vietnam's first Jack Nicklaus designed course, Legend Hill Golf Resort, is taking much longer than expected. Having started construction in 2010 the course is still in the shaping and earth works stage and it is rather unlikely to see any play until next year at the earliest. Nevertheless, being under the same ownership as [Kings Island Golf Resort](#) and [Do Son Seaside Golf Resort](#), Legend Hill promises to raise the bar for golf in Hanoi.

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 **Selangor:** New courses in new destinations are always welcome and the Ted Parslow designed **Amverton Cove Golf & Island Resort** is no exception. Situated on Carey Island and 90 kilometers South West of Kuala Lumpur, Amverton Cove is a links style layout with an abundance of wildlife. The course plays through jungle and tidal pools and each hole has a distant natural feel. The course is ideal for those looking to combine city courses with more relaxed golf in a natural setting.



With that I would like to once again thank those of you who have golfed with us recently, it was nice seeing you and I hope your trip was memorable one.

The golf, culture, and beauty of SE Asia are perfectly suited for an unforgettable golf experience. This includes playing private members clubs and championship golf courses, enjoying the world's best cuisines and entertainment, taking daily spas and massages, and best of all at prices so reasonable that you will think the costs are too low!

Tailor-made itineraries to your specific travel preferences, expectations, group size, and budgets are our specialty; contact us for a [competitive quote](#).

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

Mark Siegel
Managing Director of Golfasian

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 **Asia Golf Week - Amateur Golf Weeks in Asia**



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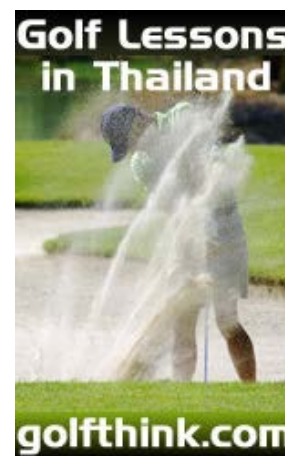
After a near sell out field for the season starting tournaments in Pattaya and Hua Hin events, the focus is now on the Hyatt Regency Hua Hin Amateur Week and Siam Country Club Pattaya Amateur Week events in October 2014

With a complete field for the Centara World Masters event in June, there were people that couldn't make the June dates, so we have 2 more tournament available in October.

These two events are a four round stableford tournament that is played over six days on four world-class golf courses. The winner is the player with the best four round score. In addition, daily prizes are awarded to the golfers with the two best scores. Technical prizes include closest to the pin on all par-3 holes.

Asia Golf Weeks are a fantastic way to bring a competitive element into your next golf holiday. So long as you have an official golf handicap, you can tee it up at the Asia Golf Week event. Players range in age from 25 to 80. Both men and women with handicaps ranging from scratch to 45 are invited. There


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Side competitions, new friendships, themed dinners and parties make for a fun filled week. Celebrations culminate with a presentation and awards dinner on the final night. Whether you come on your own or with a group of friends, don't miss it!

The Asia Golf Weeks have an excellent reputation and are in their 5th year. Golfers from all over the world are attracted for the great value, fun and entertainment.

For further details please go to www.asiagolfweek.com and join our [Facebook Page](#).

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Golf Club Set Rental Service

Due to popular demand, Golfasian is now offering TaylorMade Graphite & Steel Golf Club Sets for rent during your stay in Thailand.

This gives you even more freedom and flexibility when planning your golf trip to Asia. Simply contact our golf travel experts and mention that you would like to rent clubs.

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Hua Hin Properties - Palm Hills Golf Club Villa For Sale

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Golf Travel Testimonials

Hi Ian & Nam,

Just wanted to say a big thank you for organising our recently completed golf trip to Phuket/Patong for 9 golfers. Everything went perfect from our transfers at airport to getting us to golf on time.

Nam was very pleasant & helpful at meeting us at golf & again Rocky one of the drivers is just a real good bloke where nothing is a issue. Both Red Mountain & Loch Palm were in excellent condition with staff & caddies very helpful & pleasant.

This was our 4th time to Phuket/Patong & we will be returning again next year & booking through yourselves.

Thanks again.

Steve A.
Australia, April 2014

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Golf Holiday in Bangkok - Destination Review

Bangkok is definitely a city to be experienced, as are our [Bangkok golfing holidays](#). One of the most famous destinations in the world, Bangkok will leave you feeling exhilarated. From world famous hotels, the shimmering temples and palaces, stunning shopping malls, and amazing nightlife, there are many different sides to Bangkok. Along the waterways, around the old market areas, an intoxicating mixture of aromas, sights and visual delights provide you with a unique insight into this exciting location. Bangkok is also architecturally inspiring, and offers a fascinating insight into Thailand's rich culture presenting a unique setting to your Bangkok golfing holidays...



[[Read the entire destination review](#)]

Featured Golf Course - Suwan Golf & Country Club

Suwan Golf & Country Club is in the countryside west of Bangkok. The drive from Bangkok goes through several rural villages that add to the course's uniqueness. Surrounding fruit orchards, rice fields,

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palm trees, and lotus ponds make Suwan Golf have a tropical-Thai character which is most appreciated by both golf professionals and golf holidaymakers alike.

Major General Weerayudth Phetbuasak, still active in the Thai army, was brought in by the management of Suwan to design this Thai masterpiece. Imported Paspalum grass is used in fairways while the already excellent greens were re-built in 2009 using the newest strain of ultra-dwarf Bermuda; Mini-Verde. Putting surfaces are now among the best in Bangkok, even rivaling the lightning fast speeds found at championship courses like Alpine or Thai CC.



Suwan Golf & Country Club, Bangkok

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Featured Hotel - Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers

Located just a few minutes' drive from some of Bangkok's most celebrated golf courses, the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers offers an irresistible combination of warm Thai hospitality and professional service in a modern setting.

After a long day at the golf course, return to one of the spacious guest rooms with spectacular panoramic views of the Chao Phraya River.

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Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers

Golf Trip Idea: Best of Thailand Golf Expedition

The Best of Thailand Golf Expedition covers four top golf destinations. This golf package is an excellent for first time Thailand visitors wishing to combine the best golf with Thai culture & history. Soft adventure and non-golfer activities are included. Play golf and explore each Thai destination all in one golf holiday package.

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Press Release: Danang Golf Club Wins Major Tourism Award

As one of only four inaugural recipients of a Diamond Award from the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO), [Danang Golf Club](#) has confirmed its status among Asia's premier golf courses.

The award, announced at the Asian Golf Tourism Convention in Haikou, China, in March, was presented to Danang Golf Club general manager, Joe Millar. It recognises the club's overall excellence and customer satisfaction, determined objectively by neutral experts who assessed more than 250 golf courses and resorts for their appeal to first-time visitors.



Joe Millar & Peter Walton

IAGTO's chief executive, Peter Walton, said the awards marked the beginning of a new IAGTO certification program... "through which we will identify, recognise and highlight the best golf travel experiences that every country worldwide has to offer".

[\[Read the entire Press Release\]](#)



Golf Course Maintenance Updates

Thailand

- **Bangkok**
 - **Bangkok Golf Club** - Course will be undergoing coring green in June. Final dates to be confirmed.
 - **Lakewood Country Club** - The Lake & Wood Courses will be undergoing coring green during 1 May - 31 May.
 - **Riverdale Golf Club** - Course will be undergoing coring green on 15 May.
 - **Royal Gems Golf City** - Course will be undergoing coring green on 1 April.
 - **Royal Golf & Country Club** - Course will be undergoing coring green during 16 June - 28 July.
 - **Thana City Golf & Country Club** - Course will be undergoing coring green during 18 May - 21 May.
- **Hua Hin**
 - **Banyan Golf Club** - Course will be undergoing coring green during 12 May.
 - **Imperial Lake View** - Course B will be undergoing coring green during 17 May.
 - **Palm Hills Golf Club** - Course will be undergoing coring green from 7 May - 21 May.
- **Pattaya**
 - **Laem Chabang International Country Club** - Coring green schedule: Courses A - 17 June, Course B - 17 April, Course C - 17 May.
 - **Siam Country Club, Old Course** - Course will be undergoing coring green during 2 June.
 - **Siam Country Club, Plantation Course** - Coring green schedule: Courses A - 9 June - 29 June, Course B - 30 June - 20 July, Course C - 21 July - 8 August.
- **Phuket**
 - **Blue Canyon Country Club, Canyon Course** - Course will be undergoing coring green during 16 June - 18 June & 3 November to 5 November.
 - **Blue Canyon Country Club, Lakes Course** - Course will be undergoing coring green during

5 May - 7 May & 6 October - 8 October.

- **Laguna Phuket Golf Club - 9 holes will be closed for 18 months from July 2013 onwards.** The back nine holes have been freshly renovated and are ready for play while the front nine holes are closed for renovation until approximately early 2015.
- **Chiang Mai**
 - **Alpine Golf Resort** - Course will be closed from 16 June - 7 July for the Chiang Mai Golf Classic 2014 tournament.
 - **Gassan Khuntan Golf & Resort** - Course renovation. Expected completion date in August 2014.
 - **Gassan Lake City** - Course renovation. Expected completion date in October 2014.

Vietnam

- **Hanoi**
 - **Hanoi Golf Club, Heron Lake Golf Club and Resort, Tam Dao Golf Club, Van Tri Golf Club** - Closed every Monday morning for maintenance.
 - **Kings Island Golf Resort** - Mountainview course is closed on Mondays and Lakeside course is closed on Tuesdays for maintenance.
- **Saigon**
 - **Long Thanh Golf Course** - Lakeside course will be undergoing coring green on 5, 6, 19 & 20 May. Hillside course will be undergoing coring green on 12-13 and 26-29 May.
 - **Vietnam Golf & Country Club** - West course will be closed for a tournament on 9 May and in the mornings of 12, 23 and 26 May for maintenance. East course will be closed in the mornings of 2, 5, 16, 19, and 30 May for maintenance.
- **Danang**
 - **Laguna Lang Co Golf Club** - Course will undergo minor greens maintenance between 22 April and 16 May for preparation of the first Laguna Lang Co Central Vietnam Club Championship.
- **Dalat**
 - **Sacom Tuyen Lam Golf Club** - Course will be closed for the SGGA tournament from 15 - 16 May.

Malaysia

- **Kuala Lumpur**
 - **Awana Genting Highlands Golf & Country Club** - 9 holes closed alternately every Monday.
 - **Glenmarie Golf & Country Club** - Garden Course closed every Monday, Valley Course closed every Wednesday.
 - **Kota Permai Golf & Country Club** - Closed on Mondays maintenance.
 - **Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club** - Closed for the Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia from 9 October - 12 October and for the CIMB Classic from 30 October - 2 November.
 - **Mines Resort & Golf Club** - Closed on Mondays for maintenance.
 - **Saujana Golf & Country Club** - Palm 1 is closed on Mondays, Palm 2 is closed on Tuesdays, Bunga Raya 1 is closed on Wednesday and Bunga Raya 2 is closed on Thursdays for maintenance.
- **Malacca**
 - **Orna Resort** - Closed on Mondays for maintenance.
- **Johor Baru**
 - **Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club** - Closed on Mondays for maintenance.

Indonesia

- **Bintan**
 - **Ria Bintan Golf Course** - Course will be doing golf course maintenance on 19 May (hole 1-9 at Ocean Blue course), 2 June (hole 10-18 at Ocean Green course), 9 June (hole 19-27 at Forest course) and 16 June (hole 1-9 at Ocean Blue Course).

Singapore

- All golf courses are in good condition.



Golf Tournaments

Phuket Amateur Golf Week - June 2014

Date: June 8 - 14, 2014 | Location: Phuket, Thailand

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Centara World Masters Golf Championship - June 2014

Date: June 15 - 21, 2014 | Location: Hua Hin, Thailand [[Find out more](#)]

Cambodia Amateur Golf Week - July 2014

Date: July 27 - August 4, 2014 | Location: Siem Reap, Cambodia [[Find out more](#)]

Vietnam Amateur Golf Week - August 2014

Date: August 4 - 10, 2014 | Location: Danang, Vietnam [[Find out more](#)]

Pattaya Amateur Golf Week - October 2014

Date: October 18 - 25, 2014 | Location: Pattaya, Thailand [[Find out more](#)]

Chiang Mai Amateur Golf Week - October 2014

Date: October 25 - November 01, 2014 | Location: Chiang Mai, Thailand [[Find out more](#)]



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Will Khao Yai become Thailand's Newest Golf Destination?

Relatively unknown outside of Thailand golfers, Khao Yai is a mere 2 hours from Bangkok and is the home of Thailand's second largest national park. Will this area develop into a full-fledged golf destination for tourists?

The short answer is maybe and here are the reasons why and why not.

[[Read the entire article](#)]

Other golf stories can be found at the [Thailand Golf Zone](#), [Vietnam Golf Zone](#) and [Phuket Golf Zone](#) where there are over 600 other original articles dealing exclusively with golf in Asia and golf travel.

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 - Golf Gloves

April and May are generally regarded as the hottest time of the year in Thailand, so how important is the golf glove! Right now I think it's very important as it's easy to lose your grip with the sweat. I use a leather glove and have to change it every two or three holes, but good advice is to use an all-weather glove as they are ideal in these conditions.

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- May 17 - 23, 2014 - North America Golf FAM Trip (Pattaya, Bangkok, Chiang Mai)
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