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## June 2018 Edition

Dear Golf Travelers,  
Welcome to the June 2018 edition of the Asian Golf Nation, the source for news breaking information about golf and golf travel in Asia. Also, unique golf playing tips for SE Asia's tropical environment, announcements of special tours, updates on boutique golf tournaments for amateur golfers, and some interesting golf traveler feedback are all integral to today's newsletter.

Summer 2018 in Northern Hemisphere will begin on Thursday, June 21. For us, it is the greenest season and the time for great golf, beautiful scenery, and to enjoy all of the Asian golf destinations at rates less than usual. Check out our special offers and golf packages, and you will see what I mean.

June is also tournament month. Thailand's marquee golf event for amateur golfers, the **Centara World Masters** is a sell-out for the fifth straight year. The **Mercuria Pattaya Two-Ball Tournament** the week after also sold out. Thanks to those who registered, I look forward to seeing you at one or both events.

For those who could not make it, we have launched more boutique golf events which still have availability. September will see the **Accor Vietnam World Masters** and **Mercuria Pattaya Singles Week** events. Then in October, the inaugural **Shangri-La Chiang Mai Two-Ball Championship** comes to Chiang Mai. The uber-luxury **Shangri-La Chiang Mai Resort** will be the event host venue for the most elaborate event we have ever staged. This event will be held! All tournament & event details are here.

While some say that Asia's incredible golf courses are the main attractions, its really the rich cultural experiences and very friendly locals encountered along the way that often leaves the fondest impressions. Just consider the caddie experience, and you will know what I mean.

Anyway thanks to you, Golfasian remains Asia's top golf operator providing services centered around authentic golf experiences and great value. Your recognition of our quick responsiveness, impeccable attention to detail and tailor-made personalized service is what sets us apart.

Complete full-service itineraries created for your specific travel preferences, expectations, group size, and budgets are our specialty. Please contact us for a [competitive quote](#).

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

Mark Siegel  
Managing Director

## PLEASE VOTE FOR US

A winner of the 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017 World Golf Awards, Golfasian has once again been nominated for Asia's Best Golf Tour Operator. Please, vote for us now.



## GOLF NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

**Vietnam**  
Great news for European golfers thinking about a **Vietnam golf holiday!** The central Vietnam government has decided to extend visa waivers for visitors from the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, and Spain until 2021. The maximum allowable stay is 15 days per entry, applicable to all kinds of passports and travel purposes. Currently, citizens from 17 countries can travel to Vietnam without visas, and more countries will be added to the list as Vietnam places more and more emphasis on tourism.

**Hanoi, Vietnam**  
Welcome to **Hillon Valley Golf Club**, a new 36-hole IMG designed golf course west of Hanoi in Hoa Binh province. Once opened later in the year, it will offer resort golf among breathtaking scenery of surrounding mountain ranges and the Da River valley. Eventual plans call for a new town with entertainment and commercial centers, hotels, villas, and resorts. The site looks phenomenal from the early construction photos, and Hilltop Valley will be another welcome addition to the Hanoi golf scene.

**Krabi, Thailand**  
Anyone thinking about a Krabi holiday now has a golf course to play. Despite its strange name, and located in and around loads of palm trees, **Hula Hula Golf Club** has nothing else in common with Hawaii. The pseudo-18-hole layout comprises nine greens and nine fairways with two sets of tees. While not bad for a day off from the beach, Hula Hula can't hold a candle to with the big named courses on Phuket.

**Siem Reap, Cambodia**  
Rebuilding of the greens at **Phokeethra Country Club** are going well with new **Tif Eagle** turf growing in row. Next up are new tee-to-green cart paths. The Siem Reap course should be re-open for play by October, though there may be some delay to the clubhouse additions. Once back online, Siem Reap will have two quality courses (the other being **Angkor Golf Resort**) and become a much stronger golf destination overall.

## GOLF DESTINATION REVIEW: Phuket



Phuket is Thailand's biggest island and commonly referred to as the "Pearl of the Andaman". The island is blessed with magnificent coves and bays, clear waters and some of the world's finest beaches. The best beaches and the most popular are on the west coast in the resorts of Patong, Karon, Kata, Kamua, Surin Nai Harn, Bang Tao and Mai Khao.

Patong Beach is undoubtedly the epicenter of Phuket's entertainment scene with its wealth of bars, clubs, live music and cabaret shows, but there is still plenty to discover in other areas such as Phuket Town with its Sino-Portuguese architecture, small bars, clubs and great Thai restaurants.

The island itself has **slight golf courses** with a variety of challenges to suit every golfer from the highly rated and spectacular **Red Mountain**, the championship test of **Bliss Canyon** to the well manicured resort course of **Laguna Phuket**.

Another popular addition to the golfing scene in Phuket are the Golf Academies where you can learn to play golf in a relaxed atmosphere whether it's on the range or a playing lesson with one of qualified PGA professionals.

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## FEATURED GOLF COURSE AND HOTEL



**Laguna Golf Phuket**  
Laguna Golf Phuket features a resort golf course with pleasant breezes from the Andaman Sea. The Phuket golf course not too demanding and reflects the natural beauty and tropical surroundings of Bang Bao Bay. Phuket Golf Laguna is set on a valley floor overlooked by low wooded hills and marsh lands. The Phuket golf course was re-designed in 2014 and now the Laguna Golf Phuket is more challenging.

**The Nap Patong**  
Without doubt our most popular hotel for golfers this season in Phuket. The **Nap Patong** hotel is just a short stroll away from bustling capital of Phuket's nightlife and only a couple of minutes walk to the beach but a good night's sleep is guaranteed in this quiet little haven in the resort of Patong. The hotel offer 88 rooms and 8 villas and all the modern amenities such as high speed internet, LCD TV and electronic safety box.

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## GOLF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

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| <b>Centara World Masters Golf Championship</b><br>10 - 16 June 2018 | <b>Mercuria Pattaya 2 Ball Golf Championship</b><br>17 - 23 June 2018 | <b>AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters</b><br>9 - 15 Sep. 2018    |
| <b>Mercuria Pattaya Singles Golf Week</b><br>16 - 22 Sept. 2018     |   | <b>Shangri-La Chiang Mai Golf Week</b><br>28 Oct. - 2 Nov. 2018 |

## PRESS RELEASE

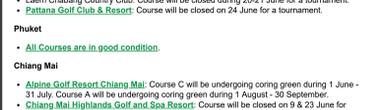


**Shangri-La Chiang Mai 2 Ball Golf Championship Puts Northern Thailand in the Spotlight**  
Chiang Mai, Thailand, 23 May 2018 – The **Shangri-La Chiang Mai 2 Ball Golf Championship** is a must play event for golfers wanting the best of everything. Golfers will experience Thailand's rich culture, tantalizing food, luxury spas and generous hospitality. Chiang Mai's mountainous terrain and valleys has enabled renowned golf course designers to build breathtakingly beautiful golf resorts. Just as impressive as the courses is the pampering you get from the knowledgeable and well-trained caddies.

The **Shangri-La Chiang Mai Golf Championship** is a collaboration between Australian based **Golfing and Thailand's Golfasian**. This powerhouse partnership delivers **Asia's biggest and richest tournaments** as well as boutique events like this one.

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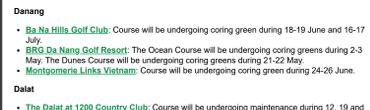
## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Melissa Benesley & Friends at **Palm Hills Golf Resort**, Hua Hin, Thailand

## BEST OF THE INTERNET

### BEST OF OUR BLOGS



**Thailand's Rainy Season - How Does it Affect Our Golf?**  
Thailand's rainy season turns from approximately May to November when it gives way to the cool season ending in the particular hot and humid month of April. Both terms are slightly misleading (we will deal with rainy) given Thailand has a tropical climate so temperatures are generally high throughout the year although the high ground in the north around Chiang Mai can produce genuinely frigid weather.

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### GOLF FUN



**Golf tips for playing in Thailand**  
Okay so you've heard some pretty awesome things about playing golf in Thailand! For most it is a life changing experience and not just a holiday! From Santiburi in the North to Red Mountain in the South each course is different and uniquely designed! However there are some things that remain constant in this great game.

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## GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCES & CLOSURES

**Thailand**  
**Bangkok**  
• **Bangkok Golf Club**: Course will be undergoing coring green during 1-2 July.  
• **Cascades Golf Club**: Course will be undergoing coring green during June.  
• **Kiattitane Country Club**: Course will be closed until April 2019 for renovation.  
• **Muang Khaw Golf Club**: Course will be closed on 16, 21 and 29 June for a tournament.  
• **Naxantanas Golf Course**: Course will be closed on 14 June for a tournament.  
• **Royal Golf & Country Club**: Course will be undergoing coring green on 4-6 June.  
• **Thai Country Club**: Course will be closed during 5-10 June for a tournament.  
• **Thana City Country Club**: Course will be undergoing coring green during 18 May - 7 June.  
• **Vintage Golf Club**: Course will be closed on 24 June for a tournament.

**Hua Hin**  
• **Banyan Golf Club**: Course will be closed during 14-15 June for the Centara World Masters Golf Championship. Course will be closed during 23-24 June for a tournament. Course will be undergoing coring green and top dressing during 16-19 July.  
• **Black Mountain Golf Club**: Course will be closed during 14-15 June for the Centara World Masters Golf Championship. The East Course will be closed for maintenance from 18 June - 18 October.  
• **Lake View Resort & Golf Club**: Course will be closed during 11-12 June for the Centara World Masters Golf Championship.  
• **Sea Pines Hua Hin Golf Course**: Course will be closed on 23 June for a tournament.  
• **Sea Pines Golf Course**: Course will be closed during 23-24 June for a tournament.  
• **Srinifitfai Royal Country Club**: Course will be closed during 11-12 June for the Centara World Masters Golf Championship.

**Pattaya**  
• **Greenwood Golf & Resort**: The A course will be closed for coring green during 1 April - 20 August. C course during 1 July - 30 September.  
• **Khao Khaw Country Club**: Course will be closed on 15 and 22 June for a tournament.  
• **Laem Chabang Country Club**: Course will be closed during 20-21 June for a tournament.  
• **Pattana Golf Club & Resort**: Course will be closed on 24 June for a tournament.

**Phuket**  
• **All Courses are in good condition.**

**Chiang Mai**  
• **Alpina Golf Resort Chiang Mai**: Course C will be undergoing coring green during 1 June - 31 July. Course A will be undergoing coring green during 1 August - 30 September.  
• **Chiang Mai Highlands Golf and Spa Resort**: Course will be closed on 9 & 23 June for tournaments.  
• **Gassan Khuntan Golf & Resort**: Course will be closed on 16 & 30 June for tournaments.  
• **Gassan Legacy Golf Club**: Course will be closed on 30 June for a tournament.

**Chiang Rai**  
• **Santiburi Chiang Rai Country Club**: Course will be undergoing hole maintenance for holes 10-18 during 21 May - 23 June and holes 1-18 during 27 August - 20 October. Course will be closed on 24 June for a tournament.

**Khao Yai**  
• **All Courses are in good condition.**

**Vietnam**  
**Danang**  
• **Ba Na Hills Golf Club**: Course will be undergoing coring green during 18-19 June and 16-17 July.  
• **BRG Da Nang Golf Resort**: The Ocean Course will be undergoing coring greens during 2-3 May. The Dunes Course will be undergoing coring greens during 21-22 May.  
• **Montgomery Links Vietnam**: Course will be undergoing coring green during 24-26 June.

**Dalat**  
• **The Dalat at 1200 Country Club**: Course will be undergoing maintenance during 12, 19 and 26 June.

**Hai Phong / Halong Bay**  
• **All courses are in good condition.**

**Hanoi**  
• **BRG Kings Island Golf Resort Lakeside Course**: The Lakes course will be undergoing maintenance from 28 May - 18 June.

**Nha Trang**  
• **All courses are in good condition.**

**Saigon**  
• **Long Thanh Golf Club**: Lake course will be undergoing coring green (holes 10-18) during 4-20 June and (holes 1-9) during 18 June - 7 July.

**Vung Tau**  
• **The Bluffs Ho Tram Strip**: Course will be undergoing coring green during 18-21 June. Course will hold the Ho Tram Flyer Championship during 6-8 December.

**Indonesia**  
**Bali**  
• **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**: Tee times will be closed for renovation until 31 Aug 2018.

**Cambodia**  
**Siem Reap**  
• **Angkor Golf Resort**: Course will be undergoing maintenance during 25-29 June.  
• **Phokeethra Country Club**: Course will be closed from 1 April - 31 July for renovation.

**Phnom Penh**  
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**Singapore**  
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