

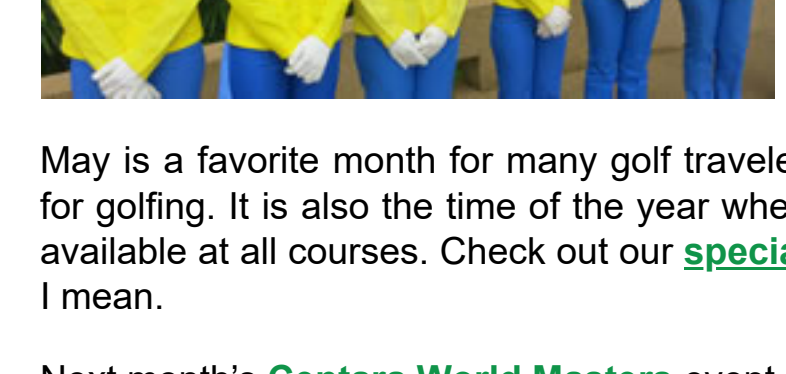
The Asian Golf Travel Nation

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May 2018 Edition

Dear Golf Travelers,



Welcome to this issue 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 and amateur golf tournaments, and some interesting golf traveler feedback are all integral to today's newsletter.

May is a favorite month for many golf travelers. Loads of sunshine provides great opportunities for golfing. It is also the time of the year when prices are at their lowest and good tee-times are available at all courses. Check out our special offers and golf packages, and you will see what I mean.

Next month's Centara World Masters event is almost sold-out. We are down to the last ten slots and once again next month's event is set to be Thailand's biggest ever golf tournament for club & visiting golfers. The following week's Pattaya 2 Ball Championship has been sold out long ago as we limit the field like a PGA event to 100 golfers to ensure personal attention for all players.

Speaking of boutique events, we have launched another five golf tournaments to cater for more players, while still maintaining a great fun, value, and chances to meet like-minded golfers from all over the world. After all who wants to play with the same golfers over and over, when you could be meeting new friends while on holiday? All tournament & event details are here.

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.

While Asia's incredible golf courses are the main attractions, its rich cultural experiences and friendly locals encountered along the way that often leaves the fondest impressions. 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

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GOLF NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

Bangkok, Thailand
Following a two-year course upgrade, Thana City Golf & Sports Club has re-branded as Thana City Country Club, signifying improving golf and service standards. Upgrades included the rebuilding of some greens, removal of many overhanging trees, and a general improvement in turf conditions throughout the golf course. Next up is an on-site golf resort which when opened later this year will make Thana City an attractive stay-and-play option for golfers with limited time in Bangkok.

Pattaya, Thailand
Thailand's newest golf course is one step closer to opening. The front nine at Chae Chan Golf Resort is ready for play, while the back nine and clubhouse go through their final touches. I expect the trial play to start within the next three months and full opening by year end.

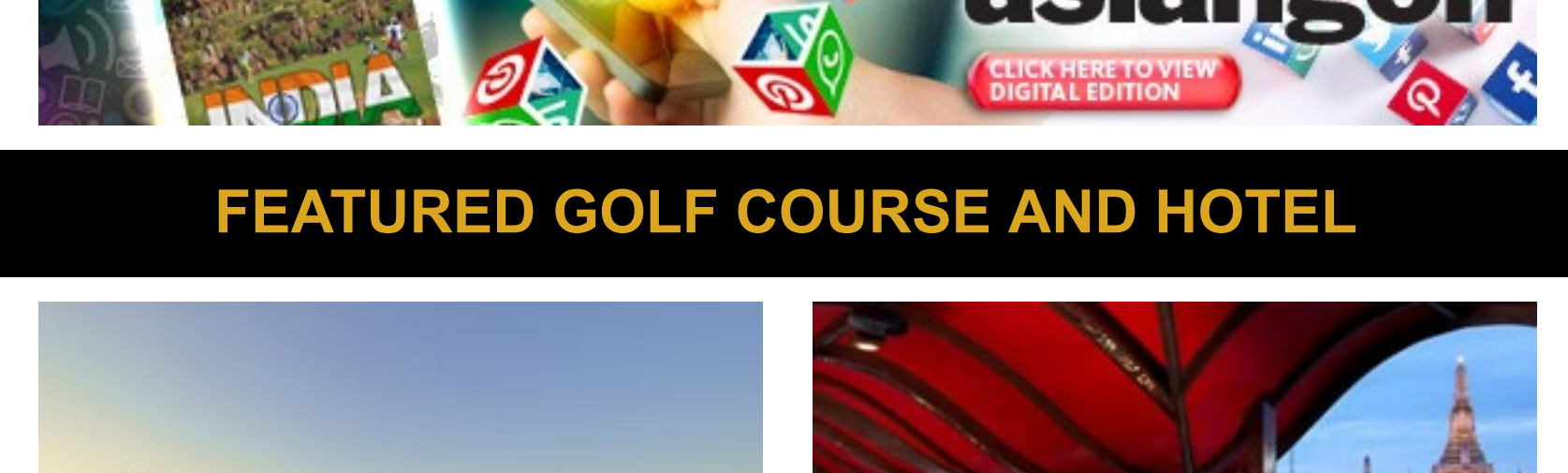
Danang, Vietnam
Please welcome Vinpearl Golf Nam Hoi An to the golf coast of Vietnam. Opening over the next few months this IMG designed course brings the total number of courses on Vietnam's central coast to five, further strengthening the region as Vietnam's number one golf destination.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Following on from the West Course's inclusion in Golf Digest's World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses listing, TPC Kuala Lumpur has secured 88th place in the Top 100 Platinum Golf & Country Clubs of the World 2018-2019, up one notch since 2015. Platinum Club recognition is for private clubs around the world, and TPC Kuala Lumpur is certainly deserving of such high recognition.

GOLF DESTINATION REVIEW: BANGKOK

Bangkok - a mesmerizing cocktail of flavors, sights, sounds and sublime golf. Landing in either Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) or Don Mueang Airport (DMK) within thirty minutes you will be in downtown Bangkok, depending on traffic!

On that journey though you get glimpses of the ornate shrines, dazzling temples, mammoth shopping malls and meander through the vibrant street life to your selected hotel into what is known in Thai as Krung Thep Maha Nakhon. [Read it All...](#)



FEATURED GOLF COURSE AND HOTEL

Lotus Valley Golf Resort
Lotus Valley Golf Resort is one of only a handful of Gary Player designed golf courses in Asia. The famous South African created a good balance of golf challenge, while renovations in 2005 brought in modern golf course construction methods, irrigation, and all new turf. The golf course has two conventional loops of nine holes adding up to a championship length of 6,855 yards from the tips and a par 72.

Anantara Riverside Bangkok
Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort is a riverside city resort that has every five-star feature that golf holidaymakers and their families could wish for. Yet, with its classical Thai architecture, tropical gardens and cool river breezes, it offers all the tranquility of a resort. The hotel provides easy access to Bangkok golf courses. Enjoy a unique Anantara riverside experience which will be an unforgettable one.

GOLF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

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| Centara World Masters Golf Championship 10 - 16 June 2018 | Mercure Pattaya 2 Ball Golf Championship 17 - 23 June 2018 | AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters 9 - 16 Sep. 2018 |
| Mercure Pattaya Singles Golf Week 16 - 22 Sept. 2018 | Amari Hua Hin Golf Week 21 - 27 Oct. 2018 | Chiang Mai Golf Week 28 Oct. - 2 Nov. 2018 |

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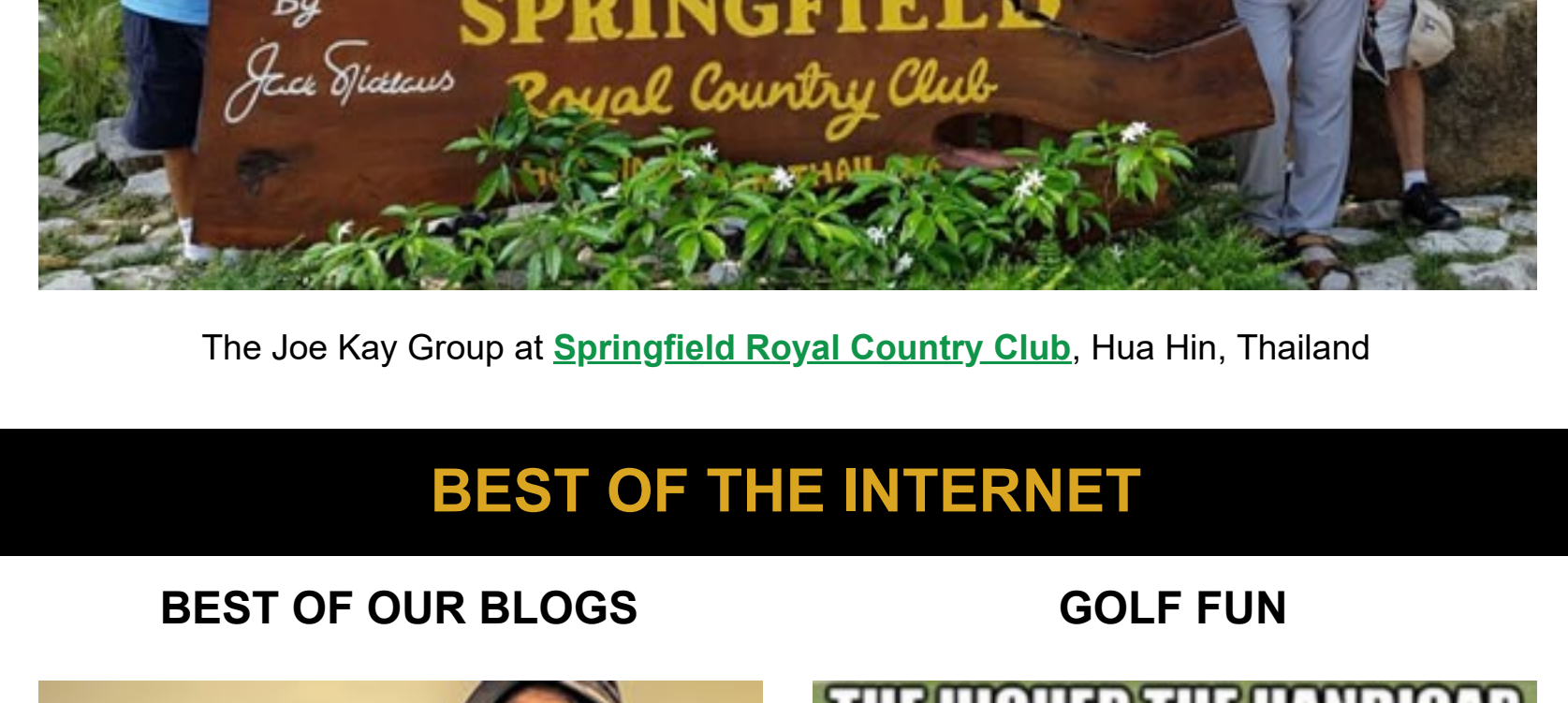
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PRESS RELEASE

New Events Have Golfers Teeing Off in Thailand
GolfAsian and Go Golfing, arguably the two biggest golf tour operators in the Asia Pacific region, today announced they will expand their event portfolio to six annual tournaments in Thailand and Vietnam. These events will attract more than 1,700 golfers for an average stay of 10 nights. Now, that's big business in the world of golf tourism.

These industry trendsetters are breaking new ground with the launch of a Golf Week exclusively for singles and solo travelers in Pattaya in September. In October, Chiang Mai will host a couples only tournament. And, they have parlayed the huge success of their Centara World Masters tournament in Hua Hin to launch another boutique event there in October.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



The Joe Kay Group at Springfield Royal Country Club, Hua Hin, Thailand

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To Rent or Not to Rent?
One of the most frequent questions we receive before guests book their Thailand golf holiday with us is "Should I bring my own clubs" or "Are the rentals at the courses any good?". The answer to this question has a lot to do with you as an individual golfer, but here is what I can share. As far as the quality of rentals goes, the majority of Thai (and other Asian country) courses and resorts that we deal with will have new updated equipment from a top of the line club company.

GOLF FUN
THE HIGHER THE HANDICAP THE MORE THEY THINK THEY CAN TEACH YOU
An Insight into this Amazing Game
"You will always hit someone else's driver better than your own...until you buy it from them"
"Whatever you think you're doing wrong is the one thing you're doing right"
"When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls"
"Knowing the swing weight of your club is as indispensable to playing good golf as knowing the temperature of the grass in the fairway"

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GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCES & CLOSURES

- Thailand**
- Bangkok**
- Castcote Golf Club: Course will be closed on 25 May for a tournament.
 - Kiari Thanae Country Club: Course will be closed until April 2019 for renovation.
 - Niland Golf Club: Course will be closed on 10-11, 14-18 and 21-24 May for the BMY Tournament.
 - Riversdale Golf Club: Course will be closed on 8 May for a tournament. Course will be undergoing coring greens during 9-10 May.
 - Royal Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed on 9 May for a tournament.
 - Summit Winemill Golf Club: Course will be undergoing coring greens on 7 May.
 - Suzara Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed from 21-27 May for a tournament.
 - Thana City Country Club: Course will be closed on 4, 7-11 & 16 May for tournaments. Course will be undergoing coring greens during 15 May - 7 June.
 - Windsor Park & Golf Club: Course will be closed on 2, 4, 11, 18, 21-22, 24-25 & 30 May for tournaments.
- Hua Hin**
- Banyan Golf Club: Course will be undergoing coring green on 9 July.
 - Black Mountain Golf Club: Course will be undergoing maintenance on the East Course during 16 April - 6 May; North Course during 7-26 May; West Course during 26 May - 18 June.
- Pattaya**
- Greenwood Golf & Resort: The B course will be undergoing coring greens during 1 - 31 May. A course during 1 April - 20 August. C course during 1 July - 30 September.
 - Khao Khroo Country Club: Course will be closed on 18 & 25 May and on 1 June for tournaments.
 - Pattana Golf Club & Resort: Course will be closed on 5-6 & 13 May for tournaments.
 - 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 7-11 May (Super Care). Course will be closed during 15-19 May.
 - Siam Country Club, Waterside Course: Course will be closed during 8-11 May for a tournament. Course will be undergoing coring green during 21-25 May (all 18 holes).
- Phuket**
- Blue Canyon Country Club, Lakes Course: Course will be undergoing maintenance during 15 May - 6 June.
 - Phuket Country Club: Course will be undergoing coring greens during 8-9 May.
- Chiang Mai**
- Alpine Golf Resort Chiang Mai: Course will be undergoing coring greens during 1 April - 30 May. Course will be closed on 19 May for a tournament.
 - Maia Golf Club: Course will be closed on 26 April for a tournament.
 - Summit Green Valley Chiang Mai Country Club: Course will be closed on 12 May for a tournament.
- Chiang Rai**
- Santiburi Chiang Rai Country Club: Course will be undergoing coring greens during 23 April - 20 May. Course will be closed on 20 May for a tournament.
- Khao Yai**
- Kirimaya Golf Resort & Spa: Course will be undergoing coring greens during 21-25 May.
 - Mountain Creek Golf Resort: Course will be closed on 5 May for a tournament.
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- Vietnam**
- Danang**
- BRG De 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.
 - Laguna Linn Co. Golf Club: Course will be undergoing coring fairway and out green during 26 April - 15 May. Course will hold the 5th Club Championship during 18-19 May.
- Dalat**
- All courses are in good condition.
- Hai Phong / Haiong Bay**
- BRG Ruby Tree Golf Resort: Course will be closed in the afternoon of 6 May.
 - Song Gia Golf Club & Country Club: Course will be closed on 6 May for a tournament. Course will be undergoing maintenance on 9 May.
- Hanoi**
- BRG Kings Island Golf Resort, Kings Course: will be closed on 18 May for a tournament.
 - BRG Kings Island Golf Resort, Lakeside Course: The Lakes Course will be undergoing maintenance from 28 May - 20 June.
 - Tim Dao Golf Resort: Course will be undergoing maintenance on 7 May.
- Nha Trang**
- All courses are in good condition.
- Saigon**
- Long Thanh Cold Club: Lake course will be closed on 4 May for a tournament.
 - Song Ba Golf Resort: Course will be closed on 22 April for a tournament.
 - Vietnam Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed on 1, 7-11 & 18 May for tournaments.
- Vung Tau**
- The Bluffs Ho Tram Strip: Course will be undergoing coring green during 18-21 June. Course will hold the Ho Tram Player Championship during 6-8 December.
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- Indonesia**
- Bali**
- Bali National Golf Club: Course will be closed in the mornings of 2-3, 5-6 & 13 May for 14 and 26 May for tournaments.
 - May Kuta Golf Course will be closed in the mornings of 2-3, 5-6 & 13 May for tournaments.
 - Nirwana Bali Golf Club: Course will be closed until 31 July 2020 for major renovation.
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- 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.
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- Cambodia**
- Siem Reap**
- Phokeethra Country Club: Course will be closed from 1 April - 31 July for renovation.
- Phnom Penh**
- Garden City Golf Club: Course will be closed on 5 & 27 May for tournaments.
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- Singapore**
- All courses are in good condition.

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