Email not displaying correctly? View it in your browser. The Asian Golf Travel Nation HOME | GOLF HOLIDAY GOLF COURSES | GOLF SERVICES | ABOUT US | CONTACT US **September 2018 Edition Dear Golf Travelers,** Welcome to September and up-to-date 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. The summer months in Europe and the Americas are over, and it is now back-to-school time for the kids. Leaves on trees will start to change colors, the days will become shorter, and the weather will start to turn cold soon. Now is time for the last golf rounds of the year and time to start making this winter's golfing plans. There are only four months left in 2018! In Asia, we are in the midst of the "green season" with heavy afternoon showers being the norm. The good news is that rains usually come late in the day and hardly affect things as golfers are already back at the clubhouse, hotel, or 19th hole relaxing and reflecting on the days match. Moreover, the golf courses are green and annual maintenance over. Low season prices are in effect and fast under four-hour rounds are common. It's hard to beat! Golfasian has been busy updating our tours for the high season and re-inspecting the area golf courses and resorts. Next month will be a big travel period for me. I will be visiting 10 of Vietnam's newest golf courses, many of which are just in the first opening phases. Then we have the **Accor Vietnam World Masters**, which is a sell-out for the 4th year. Our newest event goes on the back of the Vietnam Maters. It's a singles event in Pattaya, and we will be playing all of the Siam CC courses as usual. Finally, I will be taking off for central Japan and Tokyo for two weeks at the end of the month on sales calls, agent meetings, and even more golf course inspections. Stay tuned for all of the course updates. 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 <u>full-service</u> 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: Asia's Best Thailand's Best Golf Tour Operator Inbound Golf Tour Operator VOTE FOR US **VOTE FOR US** Vietnam's Best Indonesia's Best Inbound Golf Tour Operator Inbound Golf Tour Operator VOTE FOR US **VOTE FOR US GOLF NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION** Singapore Khon Kaen, Thailand My favorite Singapore golf club has a real To spread tourism out to the lesser know and imaginative future. While one course at provinces, the Tourism Authority of Thailand Tanah Merah makes way for infrastructure has developed some new campaigns to projects, what's left will be reconciled into promote the lesser known regions under the campaign motto as 'Open to the New Shades.' three-hole and six-hole loops on the Garden Course at Tanah Merah Country Club. The largest new area of opportunity for golf tourism is Isaan, in the Northeast. The area Reinventing the golf experience, Robert Trent already boasts hidden gems like Singha Park Jones II has designed multiple playing loops in Khon Kean and Victory Park in Nog Kai. into the routing for the new Garden Course at Moreover, Northeastern Thailand has a long Tanah Merah Country Club. Construction for history, with some of Southeast Asia's oldest the complete renovation project is scheduled settlements, Khmer ruins from 1000 AD, and to begin in January, with the redeveloped even fossilized dinosaurs found here. Garden Course to be ready for play in early Nowadays, the region is famous for its excellent and unique cuisine, stunning scenery and historical sites. Most of them are still I can't wait to play the reconfigured layout as unseen by tourists. If you want to combine golf I've been an advocate for 15-hole courses for & sightseeing and play off the beaten track a long time. this winter, an **Isaan golf trip** might be in the cards. Danang, Vietnam Designed by IMG, Vinpearl Nam Hoi An is now fully open for play. Located less than one hour from the airport in Danang, this new layout is a great addition to golf in Central Vietnam and makes the 5th quality golf course in the region. The course is similar to the other area layouts as it plays through scrubby pine and dunes areas. Overall, Vinpearl a solid resort experience and a good choice for those looking to add more variety to golf in Danang and the awarded central Vietnam coastal area. **GOLF DESTINATION REVIEW: Nha Trang** A personal destination review from Simon Mees General Manager at KN Golf Links. Most golf enthusiast are probably aware of the surge golf in Vietnam has seen over the last few years, with no sign of this mini explosion slowing down in the near future. Numerous new projects are either close to fruition or in the early development stages and will surely help to strengthen Vietnam's standing, as an emerging must visit golfing destination. As a golf professional and club manager it is great to be part of this expansion, having recently relocated from the Middle East to Nha Trang and the eagerly anticipated KN Golf Links -Cam Ranh, a short drive from the hustle and bustle of Nha Trang City. The region boasts three international 18-hole golf courses rank, with one among the best in Vietnam if not all Asia. KN Cam Ranh Golf Links is a Greg Norman-designed links course that plays through dunes and along the South China Sea. Vinpearl Golf Club is a spectacular design located on a private island. Diamond Bay Golf & Resort is a strategic layout and challenges even the best professional golfers. With the addition of KNGL, the golf destination of Nha Trang will surely become an even more popular destination for the traveling golfer with three differing and unique courses to choose from. Read the Entire Destination Review asiangolf FEATURED GOLF COURSE AND HOTEL KN Golf Links Cam Ranh Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel & Spa KN Cam Ranh Golf Links is a Greg Norman Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel & Spa offers a wide designed signature course. It's one of only a choice of five-star facilities for golf and handful of true links courses in Asia and is part leisurely travelers alike. Indulge in a of an 800-hectare mega-project including eight sumptuous treatment at our full-service Shine kilometers of prime oceanfront land along the Spa, offering an array of services combining East Sea which is dominated by spectacular the healing techniques and ingredients for white sand-dunes and long gently curving golfer's rejuvenation. In between rounds of golf you can get your blood pumping at the 24coastline. The course is 5-minutes from the Cam Ranh International Airport and 20 hour health club or take a dip in the outdoor minutes from the resort city of Nha Trang. infinity pool, overlooking the bay. **GOLF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR Shangri-La Chiang Mai AccorHotels Vietnam Mercure Pattaya Singles Golf Week World Masters Golf Week** 9 - 15 Sep. 2018 16 - 22 Sept. 2018 28 Oct. - 2 Nov. 2018 **Amari Hua Hin Centara World Masters Golf Championship Golf Week** 9 - 15 Jun. 2019 10 - 16 Mar. 2019 **GOLF TOURNAMENT SPECIALS** Iconic Landmarks, little-known treasures Shangri La hotel PATTAYA SINGLES GOLF WEEK! and bucket list golf awaits you usa 1,650 www.chiangmaigolfweek.com Luxury Accommodation Doughta bat Golfesier GolGetting To STHAN MOTO WW.PATTAYASINGLESGOLFWEEH.COM Pattaya Singles Golf Week Shangri-La Golf Championship At the Mercure Pattaya Ocean Resort Golf Discover why Chang Mai was voted in the top Week, you will join a community of solo golf ten cities in Asia by Travel & Leisure at the travellers who share your passion and thirst Shangri-La Chiang Mai 2 Ball Golf for golf, travel and fun! Championship. Play four of Pattaya's top golf courses: Chiang Mai Highlands Golf Resort, Alpine Golf Siam Country Club (Waterside, Plantation, Resort & Gassan Legacy Golf Club will give Old) Laem Chabang GC you the ultimate golfing experience. You will be spoiled by Thailand's friendly caddies. There's an extensive prize table, quality gift pack, sensational lucky draw prizes and the The 5\* Shrangi-La Hotel Chiang Mai is nightly parties and entertainment are great perfectly located in walking distance to nearby fun. bars, restaurants & Chang Mai's renowned Night Market. At the heart of the event's success is the camaraderie developed among participants. Get set for an exceptional week of golf, entertainment and plenty of delicious Thai Newsletter Special Only: Register before cuisine. 15 September and play one extra round of golf including cart, caddie and transfers **Newsletter Special Only:** Register before 15 worth THB 6,000 per person. 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Jpdate Your Info GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCES & CLOSURES **Thailand** Bangkok • Bangkok Golf Club: Course will be closed on 16 September for a tournament. • Cascata Golf Club: Course will be closed on 7 September for a tournament. • Kiarti Thanee Country Club: Course will be closed until April 2019 for renovation. • Lakewood Country Club: Course will be closed on 9, 14-15, 17, 20 and 28 September for • Muang Kaew Golf Club: Course will be closed on 21 September and 11, 25, 28 and 31 October for tournaments. • Nikanti Golf Club: Course will be closed every Wednesday afternoon for verticut green until • Panya Indra Golf Club: Course will be closed on 17 September and 1-7 October for tournaments. • Riverdale Golf Club: Course will be closed on 11, 25 and 28 September for tournaments. • Summit Windmill Golf Club: Holes 1-9 will be undergoing coring greens on 24 September. Holes 10-18 will undergo coring greens on 1 October. • Suwan Golf & Country Club: Course will closed on 7 September and 1 and 3 October for • The Royal Gems Golf & Sports Club: Course will be closed on 6-7 and 14 September for Hua Hin • Banyan Golf Club: Course will be closed on 6 October for a tournament • Black Mountain Golf Club: Course will be busy during 10-14 March 2019 for the Children's World Tournament. • Majestic Creek Country Club: Course A will be closed until 31 October for maintenance. • Palm Hills Golf Resort and Country Club: Course will be closed on 9 September and 25-26 October for tournaments. • Royal Hua Hin Golf Course: Course will be closed on 5-7 September and 27 October - 4 November for tournaments. Pattaya • Greenwood Golf & Resort: Course C will be closed for coring green until 30 September. • Khao Kheow Country Club: Course will be closed on 21 September for a tournament. • Laem Chabang Country Club: Course A will be undergoing coring green between April - 30 November. • Pattaya Country Club & Resort: Course will be closed in the afternoon of 29 September for • Rayong Green Valley Country Club: Course will be closed in the afternoons of 5 and 19 September for tournaments. • Silky Oak Country Club: Course will be closed in the afternoons of 8 and 9 September for • St. Andrews 2000 Golf Club: Course will be closed in the afternoons of 9 and 17 September for tournaments. • Loch Palm Golf Club: Course will be undergoing maintenance during 10-12 September. • Red Mountain Golf Club: Course will be undergoing maintenance during September. **Chiang Mai** • Alpine Golf Resort Chiang Mai: Course A will be undergoing coring green during 1 August -30 September. Course will be closed on 26 October for a tournament. • Gassan Legacy Golf Club: Course will be closed on 29 September for a tournament. • Gassan Panorama Golf Club: Course will reopen on 1 December after extensive renovation. • Mae Jo Golf Club: Course will be closed on 9 September and on 6 and 26 October for tournaments. • The Royal Chiang Mai Golf Club & Resort: Course will be closed during 13-14 October for a tournament. **Chiang Rai** • Santiburi Chiang Rai Country Club: Course will be undergoing hole maintenance for holes 1-18 during 27 August - 20 October. Khao Yai • Bonanza Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed on 27 October for a tournament. **Vietnam** Danang • Ba Na Hills Golf Club: Course will be closed in the morning of 13 September for the AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters Golf Championship. • BRG Da Nang Golf Resort: Course will be closed in the afternoon of 10 and morning of 14 September for the AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters Golf Championship.

• Laguna Lang Co Golf Club: Course will be closed on 3 November for a tournament. • Montgomerie Links Vietnam: Course will be closed in the afternoon of 11 September for the AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters Golf Championship.

• Vinpearl Golf Nam Hoi An: Course will be undergoing maintenance until 8 September.

• SAM Tuyen Lam Golf Club: Course is undergoing coring greens until 21 September.

**Dalat** 

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tournament.

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Hai Phong / Halong Bay • BRG Ruby Tree Golf Resort: Course will be closed on 29 September for a tournament. • Vinpearl Golf Haiphong: Course will be closed on 29 September for a tournament. Hanoi • BRG Kings Island Golf Resort: Kings Course will be closed in the afternoon of 23 September for a tournament. Lakeside Course will be undergoing coring greens during 17-19 September. Mountain View Course will be undergoing coring greens during 4-6 September. Course will be closed in the afternoon of 8 September for a tournament. Nha Trang

• Jeongsan Country Club: Course will be closed for maintenance on 20 August, 17 September & 15 October. • Long Thanh Cold Club: West Course will be closed in the mornings of 6, 10, 13, 20 and 24 September. East Course will be closed in the mornings of 13, 17 and 27 September. **Vung Tau** • The Bluffs Ho Tram Strip: Golf Carts are prohibited during 19-25 November in preparations

for the Ho Tram Player Championship. Course will be closed during 26 November - 9

• <u>Diamond Bay Golf & Villas</u>: Course will be undergoing coring greens until 18 September.

December for the Ho Tram Player Championship. Indonesia Bali • Bali National Golf Club: Course will be closed during 25-27 October for a tournament. • New Kuta Golf Club: Course will be closed during 14-15 September for a tournament. • Nirwana Bali Golf Club: Course will be closed until 31 July 2020 for major renovation.

• TPC KL, West Course: Course will open to the public on 1 November. Cambodia Siem Reap • Angkor Golf Resort: Course will be closed in the morning of 4-5 August for the Angkor Amateur Open. • Phokeethra Country Club: Only 9 holes are open for play in the afternoons of 1-15 August. **Phnom Penh** 

• Garden City Golf Club: Course will be closed in the morning of 23 September for a

Grand Phnom Penh Golf Club: Course will be closed in the morning of 8 September.

• TPC KL, East Course: Course will be closed during 24 September - 17 October for the CIMB

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