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Asian Golf Nation - May 2010

Dear Travel Partners & Golf Travelers,



Welcome to the latest issue of the Asian Golf Nation, the source for news breaking information about golf in Indochina.

Once again it's time for me to let you know what is going on in golf across the region and over the next couple of months.

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. In Asia, it is a time for low season, which means low prices. Golfers are encouraged to take advantage of special discounts where one can golf at rates as much as 50% less than in previous months, and this includes both standard and premium courses throughout the region. [Inquire here](#) to find out more details!

Also, we've quite a few [trade fairs and overseas trips](#) coming up around the globe and it would be great if you are visiting, to drop by and say hello and find out what's new. You can [click on the link below](#) to send us a mail if you would like to make an appointment.

Of course there are lots of 'happenings' around the region so with that, I invite you to enjoy this edition of the Asian Golf Nation.

Now for the golf news from around the region:



Thailand

Bangkok: Thailand's newest course Riverdale Golf Club opens May 1. Built by John Morrow (and Al Tikkenen) the course shares the same pedigree with [Red Mountain](#) and Phunaka in Phuket. Jon and Al have been able to achieve a 15 meter elevation change on some of the holes, which in itself is quite a feat for Bangkok's flattish landscape. Other unique course features are extensive use of natural marshlands, many doglegs with narrow landing areas, and heavily undulated greens, all which will make the golfing challenge at Riverdale right up there with Bangkok's other more difficult courses such as [Alpine](#) and Bangsai. Green fees will range from 2000 to 3000 baht for weekdays and weekends, respectively.



Vietnam




Danang: Introducing the "Vietnam Golf Coast"! Have you been wondering about the golf quality in Vietnam, well wonder no longer? [Danang Golf Club](#) is now open, which makes for Vietnam's central coast's second golf course. I had a chance to play both courses this month and honestly the Danang Golf Club together with the [Montgomerie Links Vietnam](#) are the 2 best courses in Vietnam, and by a wide margin. Now Vietnam golfers have a chance to play some real links

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golf and both courses are located just across the street from the beach resorts Danang. Mark my words: The Vietnam Golf Coast (Hoi An - Danang area) will become as popular as Hua Hin in Thailand, if not more so, as the golf quality is that good and along with the beach convenience makes the region a true golfer's paradise. Stay tuned for more to come, but in the meantime if you want to be the first to discover this new destination, check out some of our [most popular golf tours](#) or let us tailor make a [Vietnam golf package](#) including Danang just for you.




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Malaysia


 **Langkawi:** Have you ever heard of this island? Facing Thailand's southern coast, Langkawi came to fame when it was the site for the making of the movie "Anna & The King". (Filming was banned on Thai soil.) Now the island boasts 3 beautiful golf courses, some of the best Malaysian beach resorts, and is a great alternative to Phuket or Samui in Thailand, plus it is less expensive during the high season! For an even better golf holiday; why not combine some time in Malaysia's capital, Kuala Lumpur, with some [beach time on Langkawi](#). There is golf in both places and the sights are just as unique. [Let me know](#) if you might be interested.



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 Think this may interest your friends, relatives, or colleagues? To forward this newsletter to them right now, click [\[FORWARD\]](#).

With that I would like to thank those of you who have golfed in Asia this spring, it was nice seeing you and I hope your trip was memorable one. Others who want to travel here, but have not made your plans, it's not too late to take advantage of our summer promotions. South East Asia remains the best value premium golf destination in the world and we can build you a golf package to suit any budget and preferred style of travel.

Until the next newsletter, happy golfing!

Mark Siegel
Managing Director of Golfasian

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Golfasian has a full schedule of tradeshows and roadshows during the next few months.

You can find us at the following exhibits:

- Oceania Road Show May 10 (Auckland), May 12 (Sydney), May 13 (Melbourne)
- May 19 - 22 - IAGTO North American Convention (Palm Beach, Florida)
- June 2 - 4 - Thailand Travel Mart Plus (Bangkok)
- November 15 - 18 - International Golf Travel Market 2010 (Valencia)



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Featured Resort - Marriott Resort & Spa Hua Hin

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The Hua Hin Marriott Resort & Spa is conveniently located within walking distance to town directly on the Gulf of Thailand. The architecture of the golf resort is traditional Thai. Pleasant sea breezes flow through the open-air lounges and restaurants.

The Hua Hin Marriott Resort & Spa is a luxurious golf resort that provides a perfect balance of luxury and convenience. [[Read More](#)]



Featured Golf Course - Black Mountain Golf Club

Black Mountain is one of newest golf courses in Hua Hin and was transformed from lush jungle and pineapple plantations. The course is set in a valley, just next to the "Black Mountain's", which are so named because of the large black rocks set into the mountains, providing a nice backdrop to many of the holes.

The golf course looks as natural as possible and maintains many of the original features of the site. The most important of these are the natural creeks that run throughout the course and the rocks that have been used as design features on many of the holes. Many of the original trees have been kept and many new trees have been planted to frame the holes. [[Read More](#)]



Featured Destination - Malaysia

Malaysia is one of the few destinations in South East Asia where golf remains accessible, unlike Japan and China where demand for golf has pushed green fees sky high. You can enjoy a round of golf surrounded by the cool hills or tea plantations or alternatively head down to the fringes of the South China Sea in this country of [over 200 courses](#). Top names like Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Greg Norman and Max Wexler have all brought out the best features of the local environment whilst incorporating their own unique styles and features when designing golf courses in Malaysia.

It is not only the surroundings which will enhance your [Malaysia golf holiday](#) - the facilities and service which you will encounter across the country is sure to exceed your expectation. Two of the most highly rated courses are the Mines Resort Golf & Country Club and [Saujana Golf & Country Club](#), both of which offer the height of luxury, both on the course and back at the Club House. Malaysia offers the ideal climate for a golfing vacation and combined with the seemingly endless calendar of events, festivals and shopping fairs, will entertain both the golfers and non golfers in your party. [[Inquire Now!](#)]



Golfasian to Debut Series of Golf Tournaments in Phuket

Golfasian is pleased to announce an annual schedule of four tournaments per year to be held around Thailand. The tour will take in an event in Chang Mai, Hua Hin, Bangkok and Phuket.

The tournaments will debut in Phuket in July 2010. This event is open to all players either travelling on their own, small groups as well as larger groups.

The tournaments, running for 7 days and 6 nights each, will be played over 4 rounds, at different courses, with a stableford competition accumulating

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over the week to result in the overall winner. [[Read More](#)]



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Thailand Seaside Golf Destinations : Which is best?

I often get asked by friends and clients alike to questions about the 3 main seaside Thailand golf destinations, Phuket, Hua Hin and Pattaya. The most frequent question from those who have never been to the seaside resorts are which city is best for them?

Therefore I thought I would write about this topic over the next few days and try to share my views together with some good overall information that I have been able to gather from various sources and web sites.

[Read more about the best Thailand Seaside Golf Destinations...](#)



Other golf stories can be found at the [Thailand Golf Zone](#) where there are over 450 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 - Lying On Your Side In Thailand

No not when you sleep, but when you are off the green. A side hill lie is a delicate shot. Miss it and you can add two or more strokes to your score. You must factor in the effects of the side hill lie. The biggest danger is taking a straight-back backswing into the slope. That's the quickest way to shank the shot.

If the ball is above your feet, the ball will hook. If the ball is below your feet, the ball will slice. Match your swing to the slope.

If the ball is above your feet, take the club back on an inside-out path. That will produce a drawing trajectory. If the ball is below your feet use an outside-in path to the ball. That will produce a fading trajectory. If the ball is in the rough, expect a straight shot. The grass will catch and turn the clubface. That means you can take a more aggressive line at the pin. Just don't over do it!

Plan your shot accordingly and knock it close to save strokes when golfing in Thailand.

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