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Asian Golf Nation - July 2009

Dear Travel Partners & Travellers,



Welcome to the July 2009 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.

I have some great news for you. Low season in Asia just got even better! Can you believe green fees at all the golf course in Hua Hin will be \$23 US Dollars throughout the months of August and September? How about a week of **tournament Phuket golf and partying**, all in golf, hotel, transfers, BBQ's, drinks, and entertainment, for less than \$700 US? Would you like to stay in Bangkok for FREE?

Anyone interested? [Drop me an email](#) and I will send you the details. If these are not steals, then I do not know what is!

With that, I invite you to read on and hear what's new in golf around the region.

Thailand



What another "color" course? First there was Blue Canyon, then Black and Red Mountain. Now, there is Golden Canyon near Chiang Mai. The course was originally started as a project aimed at Korean golfers. However, the Thai partner alone is finishing the construction. Nine holes are already open and the last of the 18 holes will opened later in the year. I will report on the course soon.



Can you believe I shot a 77 at the new Pleasant Valley Golf Club located almost half way between Bangkok and Pattaya? Opened earlier this year to very little fanfare, this course is destined to become one of the top layouts in the area. If you are looking for a round when travelling between the Bangkok airport and Pattaya, this might be just the course for you.

Vietnam



Just as I mentioned about Danang's first 18 hole golf course nearing completion, a second Danang course has sprung up! The Greg Norman designed Dragon Dunes, is almost finished grassing three show holes on the ocean. A year end completion date has been set and I can't wait to see how things turn out. With non-stops flights to/from Bangkok, and two premium courses, Danang will make a great add-on destination for both Vietnam and Cambodia bound golf holidaymakers. Who would have believed that this central coastal region of Vietnam that was essentially the staging grounds for American troops during the Vietnam War would become the country's golfing oasis!



Malaysia



Jim and I just got back from Kuala Lumpur and what a trip it was. The Trent Jones designed Mines Golf Resort was probably the best course I have played in Asia with rolling hills and such a wide variety of shots that I had to use every club in my bag not once but twice. (Don't ask me my score!) It is good that we can get visitors on this otherwise exclusive club because together with Saujana Country Club these 2 championship layouts make for some of the best golf for holidaymakers in any Asian city. We will be starting golf tours to Malaysia on a limited basis this fall and if you are interceded be sure to [drop me an email](#) and I will include you in one of the trips.



Remember if you want to get regular updates about golf in Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia, [then sign-up for uninterrupted email delivery](#) of this newsletter. In addition, all persons signing up will automatically receive the latest "Thailand Golf Insider Tips" special report.

Until the next newsletter, start practicing and I hope to see YOU in the region this summer!

Mark Siegel

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Golfing Tips

What You Can Learn From Lucas Glovers US Open Win

Lucas Glover was determined not to end up on the list of final hole major-meltdowns. He weighed up his chances and played it safe on the 18th hole, hitting 6 iron off the tee and a 9 iron into the green to make Par. Most of those before him were ripping driver down to a yardage that becomes especially difficult to hit under pressure.

Next time you're faced with a pressure situation, take a moment extra to think about what options you have. If you only need a bogey to break 90, 80 or your personal best, you don't have to pull out the driver just because it's a Par 4. A couple of mid irons followed by a nice easy wedge would easily do the trick for most mid and high handicap golfers, yet how often is that seen? Yes, we are Tiger and Phil, and CAN hit the driver!

Next time you need to make a certain number on a hole, think Lucas Glover and play safe. You might not have anyone yelling "Get in the Hole", but you won't care after you're holding the trophy!

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Featured Resort - Bangkok Marriott Resort & Spa

Tee off on the exotic fairways of some of the best golf courses in Bangkok. Enjoy great play on championship courses, lively entertainment, unforgettable sightseeing and, of course, the total relaxation that comes from being pampered at Bangkok's only true resort.



Bangkok Marriott Resort & Spa offers the perfect setting to indulge your passion as well as a luxurious stay amid classical Thai architecture, lush gardens and cool river breezes. All guestrooms are well appointed for relaxing in serene comfort and provide breathtaking views from private balconies.

We take care of everything, while you take care of your game.



Featured Golf Course - Muang Kaew Golf Course

In line with staying as Bangkok's best golfing experience Muang Kaew Golf course have added several new elements to its already challenging golf course. The new elements are new water hazards on the 11th and 15th holes and an extension to the 11th hole.



Since renovation in 2005 the golf course has always looked to improve the facilities and challenge offered by the course. After several months of planning and consultation with their membership the new hazards on the 11th and 15th hole were added to ease drainage problems and add some length to the 11th hole to make it a more challenging par 4. [[Read More](#)]



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Thailand Adds Another Golf Event

Thailand will launch its newest golf tournament on the Asian Tour this season with the establishment of the inaugural Queen's Cup in August. The Queen's Cup presented by Bangkok Airways and Sports Authority of Thailand will be staged at the Santiburi Samui Country Club on the holiday isle of Samui from August 13 to 16, 2009. The US\$300,000 tournament, sanctioned by the Asian Tour and Thailand PGA, will be held in honor of the Queen of Thailand. [[Read More](#)]

Other golf stories can be found at the [Thailand Golf Zone](#) where there are over 447 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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Thailand Extends Royal Invitation to Golfers Worldwide

With Golf in a Kingdom, premier courses and luxury hotels aim to put country on world golf map.

BANGKOK (June 24, 2009) - In an bid to tell world golfers what Asian golfers already know, the golf establishment in Thailand has launched 'Golf in a Kingdom: The Thai Golf Experience', a cooperative itinerary that matches the country's top courses with its most desirable hotels. [\[Read More\]](#)



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