



GolfAsian NEWSLETTER Summer 2006

Welcome to the new newsletter of Golfasian. It has been a while since we last wrote to you, but you can be certain that if you have [signed up here](#), then you will not only be assured of continued delivery of our newsletter, but also be automatically enrolled to win a chance for a free sleeve of Titleist Pro V1x golf balls. Each issue of our new newsletter will feature special announcements, a featured golf course, and some hot golf playing tips, and the best articles from our blog www.thailandgolfzone.com.

Any and all reader feedback is most welcome and encouraged. Have a great summer and remember think positive and **YOU WILL SHOOT PAR.**

Mark Siegel
Managing Director

Featured Golf Course

Thai Country Club (TCC) is a prestigious member's course managed by the Peninsula Hotel, Bangkok. In 1997 the course was the venue for the Honda Classic which was won by Tiger Woods, the following year the TCC hosted the Johnny Walker Classic which was won by Vijay Singh.



Often considered the best in Bangkok, TCC sets the standard for service excellence. Discerning golfers will appreciate this truly world-class total golfing experience. The award-winning clubhouse caters to every need and the golf course conditions are impeccable. The caddies are amongst the most well-trained in Thailand and the course has some excellent holes including one of the best Par 3's in Asia, the 6th measuring 218 from the back tees, is as tough as they get with water guarding the right side and bunkers in front and behind the green.

A true total golfing experience, from the time you check in until you finish after golf refreshments in the lounge you know you have played at the best course in the country. Golfasian has secured a limited number of both [weekday](#) and [WEEKEND tee times](#) at TCC, so if you have the chance to be in Bangkok, please inquire. Although one of the most expensive courses in Thailand, we feel it is well worth every baht for the best there is!

Best of the Blog www.thailandgolfzone.com

When is the perfect time of year to play golf in Thailand?



I often get asked about the best time of year to play golf in Thailand so I thought to share my experience on this topic.

Without doubt, the best time of year for golf is from November through January. This is the cool and dry season, with average temperatures only around 20 degrees centigrade. On the other hand, this is also the peak season for visiting tourists. As such, one should be prepared for busy golf courses and it is a must to plan your holiday well in advance as the most popular resorts will be full.

What about the rest of the year? Continue reading about ["Great Golf in Thailand"](#) plus take a look at all the other articles at the newest blog on the internet dealing exclusively with golf travel in Thailand.

Special Playing Tip

The Pitch-and-Run Shot



Hitting an accurate pitch-and-run shot is a sure way to shave a few strokes off your score when playing in Thailand. But hitting this shot so the ball ends up near the hole isn't as easy as it looks.

If you're using a lofted club and trying to get the ball to run when it lands, then the harder you hit it, the more backspin you impart, causing the ball to stop (not run) when it lands. The key to the pitch-and-run is hitting the ball with over spin, releasing it on contact with the ground.

Here are 5 keys to doing it successfully:

1. Use a less lofted club, like a 7 or 8 iron depending how far you want the ball to roll
2. Play the ball farther back in your stance
3. Set-up with a slightly open stance to the target
4. Approach at a shallow angle
5. Choke up slightly on the grip Play the ball farther back in your stance than normally.

Standing slightly open to the target, lean your weight forward, place your hands ahead of the ball, and swing the club at a shallow angle. Try to pick the ball cleanly from the grass at impact. As your body turns through the shot, encourage your right arm to turn over your left, releasing the club head.

Your stance allows you to work the club more inside the target line than normal. Feel the club head's toe closing as you strike the ball. Keep the backswing and the follow-through reasonably short. Remember; try to pick the ball cleanly from the grass by choking up on the grip. Any attempt to hit at the ball only deepens your approach, imparting backspin on the ball.

Once you master this shot you will consistently have a short putt or "give me" to save par or even make birdie.

Free Titleist Pro V1x Golf Ball Winner [Register Here!](#)

The winner of a sleeve of Titleist Pro V1x golf balls is Mr. John Parton. Congratulations John! I will be contacting you shortly to arrange delivery. If you receive this newsletter first, please contact me by [e-mail](#).



For those of you still not yet signed up with Golfasian please feel free to [register here](#). Not only will you have a chance to win next time, but you also will receive special announcements and be eligible for great offers from Golfasian.

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