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January 2018 Edition

Dear Golf Travelers,

Welcome to this issue of the Asian Golf Nation, the source for news breaking information about golf in Asia. Also, 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.

During this holiday season, we are truly thankful for all of the wonderful golfer travelers and people in the industry that we work with throughout the year. From myself and the entire Golfasian team, we would like to extend best wishes to you and your family for a joyful and successful 2018 New Year.

Cooler weather is here. In fact, it's downright cold; with highs only in the mid-20's centigrade. Thailand and Vietnam are arguably the best places in the world for a golf holiday during this time. Weather, golf, culture, affordability, and world-class hospitality make for unforgettable golf experiences.

I am very proud to mention and send a big thank you for assisting Golfasian to achieve [Asia's Best Golf Tour Operator](#) status. This year we picked up top honors in three categories at the 2017 World Golf Award held at Spain's La Manga Golf Club. Golfasian was named Best Inbound Golf Tour Operator for Vietnam and

Thailand, accolades we hold now for four consecutive years. Additionally, we were singled out as Asia's Best Golf Tour Operator, a garland that reaffirms our status as the region's premier golf tourism organization.

The awards were voted on by industry insiders as well as golfers such as yourselves. This huge honor that you bestowed upon us is further recognition of what we have worked so hard to achieve; the undisputed market leader for both golfers and partners seeking total Asian golf experiences at extremely good values and that surpass expectations.

The golf, culture, and exotic beauty of Asia are perfectly suited for unforgettable golf experiences. Whether it be playing in one of our organized [golf tournaments](#) or on a golf holiday, you are guaranteed to play world-class golf, meet friendly locals, experience excellent cuisines, sample exotic cultures, and enjoy fascinating entertainment. Best of all everything on offer is at great prices. Complete full-service itineraries created for your specific travel preferences, expectations, group size, and budgets are our specialty; contact us for a [competitive quote](#).

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

Until the next newsletter, happy golfing and I hope to see you in Asia very soon!

Mark Siegel

Managing Director of Golfasian

GOLF NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION



Bangkok

One of the original Bang Na courses built on flat rice paddy land in the outskirts of Bangkok, [Kiarti Thane Country Club](#) closed for some long overdue renovations. With new Japanese owners, modern turf, and well



Danang

For the second year in a row, [Ba Na Hills Golf Club](#) was named Asia's Best Golf Course at the same 2017 World Golf Awards as mentioned above. Previously, Ba Na Hills won World's Best New Golf Course after opening in

designed green complexes, the Kato Yoshikazu designed course will be brought up to modern standards together with a brand new contemporary clubhouse when it reopens in 2019.

2016. The newest Danang golf course located at the foot of a towering mountain range about half an hour west of Danang is an excellent addition to the nearby seaside links-style courses that dot the coast between Hoi An and Hue.



 **Singapore**

One of Asia's unique golf courses is getting even bolder. The public and outstanding [links course at Marina Bay](#) opened a new 6-hole putting course to enhance the sport's appeal to irregular golfers. However, the par-24 putting course is not just for families or Sunday players. The Marina Bay Putting Course is a 21-meter fantasy that is a great way to warm-up before any regulation round. Having manicured greens which are similar to those on the 18-hole golf course, the putting course features contouring, undulations, and holes of varying lengths. There are even par-3, par-4 and par-5 putting holes ranging from 20 to 62 meters. What a fun way to add an hour or so to your round.

FEATURED PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

**FEATURED GOLF
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FEATURED HOTEL



Chiang Mai Highlands GC

The Chiang Mai Highlands Golf Club opened in 2005 and significantly added to the quality of Chiang Mai golf courses. The drive to Highlands from Chiang Mai leads through exceptionally beautiful landscape, in an eastern direction passing rice fields and plantations into the mountains.

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Rati Lanna Riverside Resort

Located in the city and on the banks of the Ping River, the Ratilanna Riverside Spa Resort (formerly Sofitel Riverside Hotel) offers 75 suite and deluxe rooms each with private balconies. A wooden theme design throughout is combined with modern facilities and ancient Chiang Mai heritage.

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GOLF HOLIDAY SPECIAL OF THE MONTH



Newsletter Special: Chiang Mai Luxury Golf Break 4D / 3N

Only applicable for newsletter subscribers! Stay at the brand new X2 Chiang Mai Riverside Resort and get a **FREE upgrade to the Grand Suite River View** + play two of Northern Thailand's best golf courses (Alpine & Chiang Mai Highlands) including cart, caddie and all ground transfers in VIP van for just THB 23,000 per golfer for travel before 28 February.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

**Amari Hua Hin
Golf Week**

11 - 17 March 2018

**Avani Pattaya
Golf Week**

18 - 24 March 2018

**Centara World
Masters Golf
Championship**

10 - 16 June 2018

**Mercure Pattaya 2
Ball Golf
Championship**

17 - 23 June 2018

**AccorHotels Vietnam
World Masters**

9 - 15 Sep. 2018

**Amari Hua Hin Golf
Week**

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Mr. Bank - Sales & Reservation

Meet Mr. Bank from our Sales & Reservations Team and learn why now is the best time to travel to Asia for golf.

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MEET THE GOLFER



Carmine from Long Island, NY

Listen to what Carmine from Long Island, New York, USA has to say about his current golf holiday in Bangkok.

[Watch the Video!](#)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Nial Vongyet & Friends at Sea Pines Golf Course in Hua Hin, Thailand.

BEST OF THE INTERNET

BEST OF FACEBOOK



Do you know which golf course these caddies are from?

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GOLF RULES QUIZ / TIPS



In at the Shallow End! Rule 14-6

I knew where this was going but hey it's match play and I'm one up so why not!

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GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE & CLOSURES



Thailand

Bangkok

- [Kiarti Thanee Country Club](#): Course will be closed until April 2019 for renovation.

Hua Hin

- [All courses are in good condition.](#)

Pattaya

- [Rayong Green Valley Country Club](#): Course will be closed during 1-14 January for the Asian Tour Q-School Tournament.
- [Siam Country Club, Old Course](#): Course will be closed during 8 February - 1 March for the Honda LPGA Tournament.
- [Siam Country Club, Plantation Course](#): Course will be undergoing coring green during 19 March - 15 April.
- [Siam Country Club, Waterside Course](#): Course will be undergoing coring green during 24 - 27 April.
- [St. Andrews 2000 Golf Club](#): Course will be closed during 1-14 January for the Asian Tour Q-School Tournament.

Phuket

- [Laguna Golf Phuket](#): Course will be undergoing green verticut and topdressing sand during 22-3 January, 5-6 & 19-27 February.
- [Red Mountain Golf Club](#): Course will be undergoing green topdressing

during 20-22 January.

Chiang Mai

- [Gassan Legacy Golf Club](#): Course will be closed on 19 January for a tournament.

Chiang Rai

- [All courses are in good condition.](#)



Vietnam

Danang

- [Laguna Lang Co Golf Club](#): Course will be closed on 3 March for the Faldo Grand Final Junior Series.

Hanoi

- [All courses are in good condition.](#)

Hai Phong / Halong Bay

- [All courses are in good condition.](#)

Saigon

- [Long Thanh Golf Club & Residential Estate](#): Course will be closed on 24 January.
- [The Bluffs Ho Tram Strip](#): Course will be closed on 10 & 20 January.
- [Vietnam Golf & Country Club](#): Course will be closed on 9, 10, 11, 15, 22, 27 & 29 January for tournaments.

Vung Tau

- [All courses are in good condition.](#)



Indonesia

Bali

- [Nirwana Bali Golf Club](#): Course will be closed until 31 July 2020 for major renovation.

Jakarta

- [Royale Jakarta Golf Club](#): Course will be closed during 11-18 December for the Indonesian Masters tournament.



Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur

- [Saujana Golf & Country Club, Palm Course](#): Course will be closed during 9-12 February for the Maybank Championship (Asian Tour).
- [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.



Cambodia

Siem Reap

- [All courses are in good condition.](#)

Phnom Penh

- [All courses are in good condition.](#)



Myanmar

Yangon

- [Pun Hlaing Golf Club](#): Course will be closed during 26-29 January for the Leopalace21 Myanmar Open (Asian Tour).
- [Royal Mingalardon Golf and Country Club](#): Course will be closed on 20

January for a tournament.

- **Yangon Golf Club**: Course will be closed on 30 January for a tournament.



Singapore

- **Sentosa Golf Club, Serapong Course**: Course will be closed during 19-22 January for the SMBC Singapore Open (Asian Tour).

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