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Asian Golf Travel Nation - September 2011



Dear Travel Partners & Golf Travelers,



Welcome to the September 2011 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.

Most of the world's summer holidays are over and it is now back-to-school time for the kids. In Asia, we are in the midst of the "rainy season" with daily afternoon showers being the norm across the region. The golf courses are wet for sure, but all remain open for play, still have low season prices in effect, and due to the lack of

visitors quick sub 4 hour rounds are common. Really hard to beat in fact!!

Nevertheless, with fewer visitors, this is a good time for us to catch up on things, update our tours for the high season and inspect all of the area golf courses and hotels.

I was in Pattaya this month and found [Laem Chabang](#) and [Siam CC Old Course](#) to be in good condition. Laem Chabang in particular has an extensive renovation program underway with new grassing that brings this venerable Jack Nicklaus layout up to modern standards. On the other hand, [Burapha](#), while better than the past, is still rough around the edges and is not taking the wet weather very well.

Next month I am off to Vietnam to inspect the [Danang golf courses](#) as well as those in Saigon and Phan Thiet. I will report on what I find out when I am back.


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

Mark Siegel
Managing Director of Golfasian

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Golf news from around the region:

Thailand

 Bangkok: Travel + Leisure (T+L) has recently announced the results of its 16th annual "World's Best Awards." Bangkok was voted the "World's Best Overall City" for a second consecutive year. Bangkok's newest luxury hotel, the [St. Regis Bangkok](#) is already drawing praise from Thai golfers in the capital. Moreover, costs for 4 and 5 star hotels in Bangkok are among the lowest in the world. Add to that the 60 golf courses within a 1 hour drive from the city center and you have the makings of a truly premium golf destination at great value-for-money too!

Hua Hin: The Hua Hin Golf festival has been extended




St. Regis Bangkok - Grande Deluxe Room

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until the end of the month. The event includes 800 baht green fees at golf courses in the Hua Hin and Cha Am area. [Banyan Golf Club](#) in particular is in excellent condition and is hard to believe that you can play such a high quality course for so little. Have a look at this amazing [Banyan Golf special offer](#) I have created for our readers.

Vietnam

 **Saigon:** an you believe that within the next few years, the Saigon International Airport will be home to an 18-hole golf course? The airport which now is operating at capacity, but will soon be replaced with the Long Thanh International Airport now being built near [Long Thanh Golf Club](#). The planned golf complex at the current airport will include a driving range, clubhouse, villas, restaurants and other attractions. Let's hope the new airport is ready sooner rather than later.



Remember if you want to get regular updates about golf in Indochina, 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.

Also, GOLFASIAN have secured special deals with over 100 golf courses and 600 hotels in Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Cambodia to offer the very best promotions for the rest of 2011 and 2012. Please contact us for details and your request at info@golfasian.com.

Until the next newsletter, happy golfing!

*Mark Siegel
Managing Director of Golfasian*

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 **Featured Golf Course - Banyan Golf Club**

Built among a pineapple plantation, Banyan Golf Club in Hua Hin opened in October 2008. The course provides for spectacular mountain and ocean views from most all of the holes and is one of the best layouts in the area. In fact Banyan Golf Club won the 2009 Best New Golf Course in Asia as voted for by the readers of Asian Golf Monthly.

Each hole has 6 tee boxes making the course more or less challenging depending on each golfers abilities and tee selection. Strategically placed water hazards, waste bunkers, and sand traps are spread out throughout the course. Significant use of native pineapple groves make local 'fruits' come into play if



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you stray too far off most fairways. [Stay and golf](#) at the Banyan Resort & Golf starting at just EUR 780 for 7 nights. [\[Read More about one of Thailand's Best Golf Courses\]](#)



Featured Resort - Banyan Resort

Banyan Resort & Golf, Hua Hin, Thailand, is an exclusive resort designed and built to the highest standards. Set in a beautiful landscaped environment, the resort offers a choice of private pool villas and villas with a Jacuzzi.

The luxurious villas feature stylish Thai decor and furnishings, and modern appliances. Resort facilities include Lemongrass Restaurant & Bar and the Splash Pool Bar & Playground. [Stay and golf](#) at the Banyan Resort & Golf starting at just EUR 780 for 7 nights. [\[Find out more about this Special Golf Offer\]](#)



Banyan Golf Resort - Hua Hin



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CHIANG MAI GOLF WEEK

Explore the beautiful Northern Thailand city of Chiang Mai.

Price per person, twin sharing = 30,675 Thai Baht (710 EUR)

Book and pay for this years event by 16th September 2011 and [get two nights free at the hotel or a free round of golf](#) at Chiang Mai Highlands including cart and caddy

- 6 nights at the Centara Duangtawan or Holiday Inn (THB 32,025)
- Daily breakfast
- 4 rounds of Golf (Summit Green Valley, Royal Chiang Mai, Alpine Golf Resort, Chiang Mai Highlands)
- All airport, land and golf transfers
- Valid until September 16 2011**



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Chiang Mai Highlands

From 29th October to 4th November 2011, play and discover the best golf courses in Chiang Mai: Summit Green Valley Chiang Mai Golf Club, Royal Chiang Mai Golf Club, Mae Jo Golf Club, Alpine Golf Resort, Chiang Mai Highlands Golf Club. Chiang Mai offers an unbelievable choice from integrated golf resorts to boutique resorts in the center of the town. For those who enjoy other treasures as well you won't be disappointed. Chiang Mai offers its visitors a city rich in culture, spas, massage, crafts, temples and natural beauty.

The full programme is available [on-line and the registrations are open.](#)



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New Golf Gem of Thailand

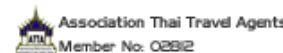
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With over 280 golf courses across Thailand, the Kingdom is already spoilt for choice, so it is a very pleasant surprise, when a new club opens that really does have something different to offer.

The Royal Gems Golf City located just 35 minutes from the centre of Bangkok, has just finished the first phase of the proposed largest golf complex in Thailand. Known as the Dream Arena, it is the first replica golf course in Asia.

[Read more about "A New Golf Gem of Thailand"](#)

Other golf stories can be found at the [Thailand Golf Zone](#) where there are over 500 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 - Swing Tip: Alignment

Posture is how you set up to the ball, very important and one of the main fundamentals of golf. Everything is built on this foundation and if you have a problem here, it'll show up later in your swing, possibly disguised as something else.

[\[Read the entire Golf Tips Article\]](#)

If you have any other questions regarding golf tips to help you with your game email us at info@golfasian.com and we will reply in upcoming newsletters

For more golf tips visit www.golfthink.com



Meet Golfasian at these Trade/Roadshows

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

You can find us at the following exhibitions:

- November 14 - 17, 2011 - IGTM (Belek, Antalya, Turkey)
- January 26 - 29, 2012 - PGA Merchandise Show (Orlando, Florida, USA)

[Arrange an appointment](#) with Mark Siegel, MD of Golfasian, at one of these exhibits.



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