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July 2018 Edition

Dear Golf Travelers,

Welcome to the July 2018 edition of the Asian Golf Nation, the source for news breaking information about golf and golf travel in Asia. Also, unique golf playing tips for SE Asia's tropical environment, announcements of special tours, updates on boutique golf tournaments for amateur golfers, and some interesting golf traveler feedback are all integral to today's newsletter.

The summer golf season is in full swing, and I hope you are playing some great golf. Here in South East Asia, after an extraordinarily hot spring, the weather has turned breezy and very pleasant. Danang is sunny and mild, while Hua Hin and Pattaya have overcast skies and ideal golf conditions. The southern islands, together with Malaysia and Singapore, are getting their normal afternoon and early evening showers.

Last month, Hua Hin hosted the 5th edition of Centara World Masters, and it was the best so far. Not only was the weather courses, and resort all superb, 500 players and scorers had the opportunity to see 'The Bangkok Beatles' and had caddies aeranading golfers to the likes of Macarena, YMCA, and Gam Nam Style. Yes, that's right, it was much more than a great golf tournament, it was a week-long experience of a lifetime. In fact, the week after, 150 lucky golfers competed in the Mercure Ocean Resort Pattaya 2Ball, and the players had a similarly excellent week with picture perfect weather.

If you missed out on these events, don't worry. We have some boutique tournaments coming up in Danang, Pattaya (yes again), and Chiang Mai. Check out our dedicated tournament website for the best Asian golf weeks.

This summer we are pleased to welcome many new golf groups in particular from Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, and India. We're in the so-called 'low season', and with that, we have partnered with the top courses and resorts in all our best destinations to come up with great golf travel deals. [Inquire here](#) to find out more details!

While some say that Asia's incredible golf courses are the main attractions, its really the rich cultural experiences and very friendly locals encountered along the way that often leaves the fondest impressions. Just consider the caddy experience, and you will know what I mean.

Anyway, thanks to you, Golfasian remains Asia's top golf operator providing services centered around authentic golf experiences and great value. Your recognition of our quick responsiveness, impeccable attention to detail and tailor-made personalized service is what sets us apart.

Complete full-service itineraries created for your specific travel preferences, expectations, group size, and budgets are our specialty. Please contact us for a [competitive quote](#).

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

Mark Siegel
Managing Director

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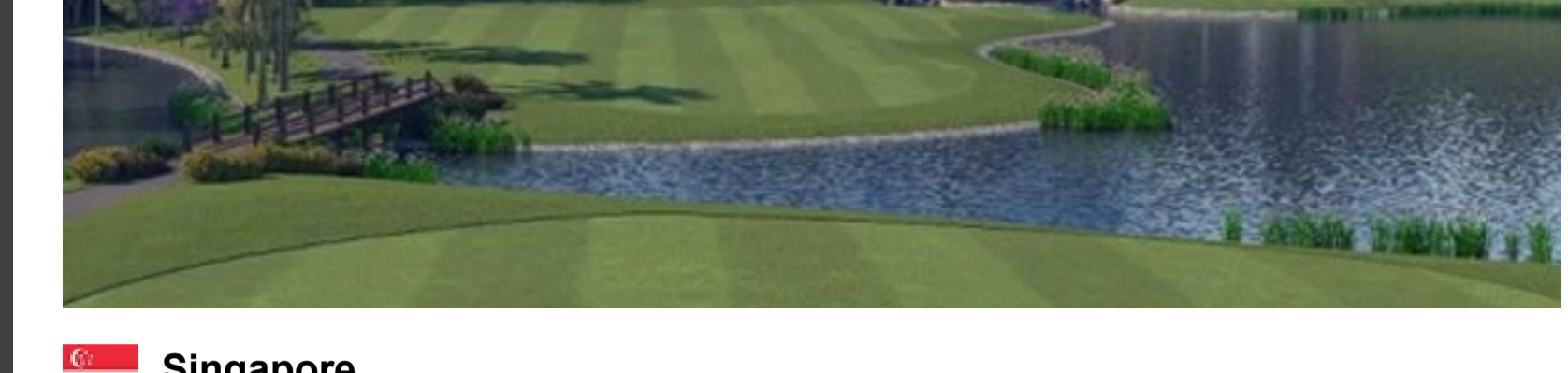
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GOLF NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

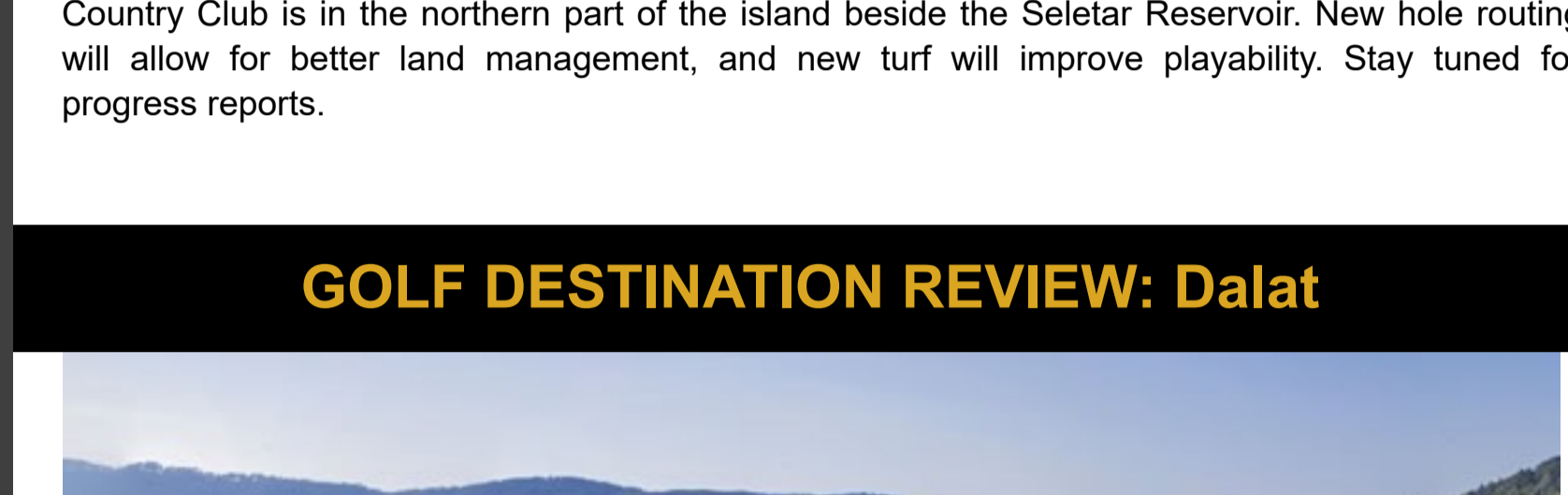
Bangkok, Thailand
Nick Faldo would be impressed if he saw what was going on at one of his first golf courses in Thailand. Little known Chuan Chuan Golf Course, designed in the mid-90's when Faldo was with IMG, emerged last month as rebranded **Chuan Villa Golf and Country Club**. The new facilities are first class, and while the golf course could be better, it's vastly more playable than a few years back. The management is certainly on the right track which is a good sign of things to come.

Hanoi, Vietnam
Welcome, The second 54-hole golf facility in Vietnam is open. With the new Kings Course, BRG King's Island has Phoenix Golf Club as the currently largest operating golf facility in the country. Moreover, the Nicklaus designed Kings Course looks to be the best of three tracks on the island, at least by the images. I plan to get up to Hanoi in September and have a hit, but if anyone has played the King's Course, please drop me a line, I would love to hear your feedback.



Singapore
Most announcements from Singapore these days are about the closing of golf courses to make way for housing, all of which breaks my heart. However, here's some good news for a change. Caddies is breaking ground on a total makeover of Seletar Country Club. Golfian was the original designer at Seletar Golf Club's award-winning Serapong Course. Built in 1991, Seletar Country Club is in the northern part of the island beside the Seletar Reservoir. Now hole routing will allow for better land management, and new turf will improve playability. Stay tuned for progress reports.

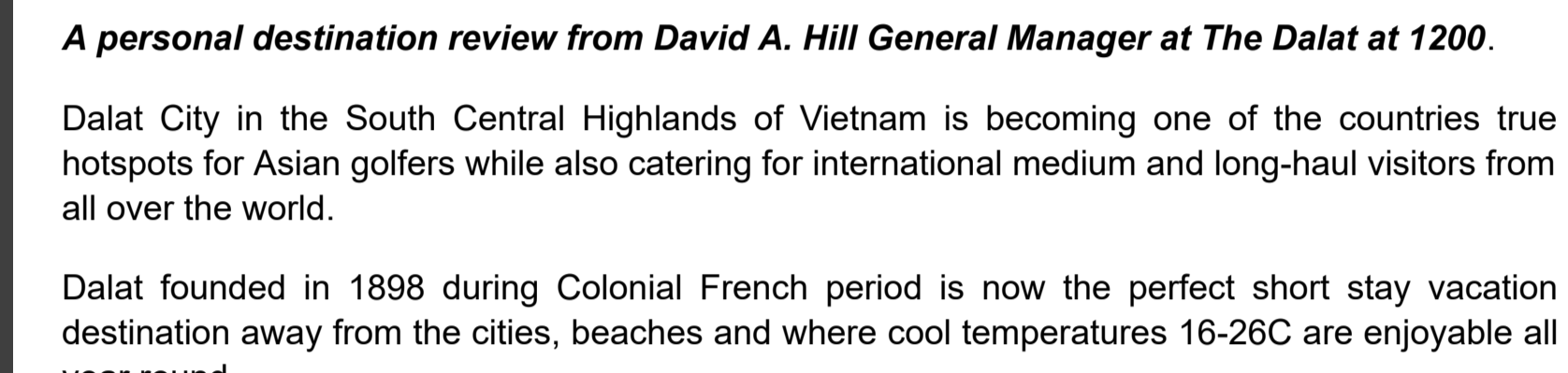
GOLF DESTINATION REVIEW: Dalat



A personal destination review from David A. Hill General Manager at The Dalat at 1200.
Dalat City in the South Central Highlands of Vietnam is becoming one of the countries true hotspots for Asian golfers while also catering for international medium and long-haul visitors from all over the world.

Dalat founded in 1898 during Colonial French period is now the perfect short stay vacation destination away from the cities, beaches and where cool temperatures 16-26C are enjoyable all year round...

[Read the Entire Destination Review](#)



FEATURED GOLF COURSE AND HOTEL



The Dalat at 1200 Country Club
The Dalat at 1200 Country Club is situated 15 minutes from Dalat Central Airport. The combined effort of Peter Rousseau (P&Z design) and Kyi Hui Han (Asian Tour), the alpine course is sprawled across 2,100 acres of a hilly pine tree forest with a 450-acre natural spring-fed lake at its center. The fresh alpine air, hilly surrounds and temperate weather give the site a mountainous feel more reminiscent of Switzerland than Vietnam. The Dalat at 1200 was the first course in Vietnam to officially host the KLPGA in 2015 where over 100 female professional players competed.

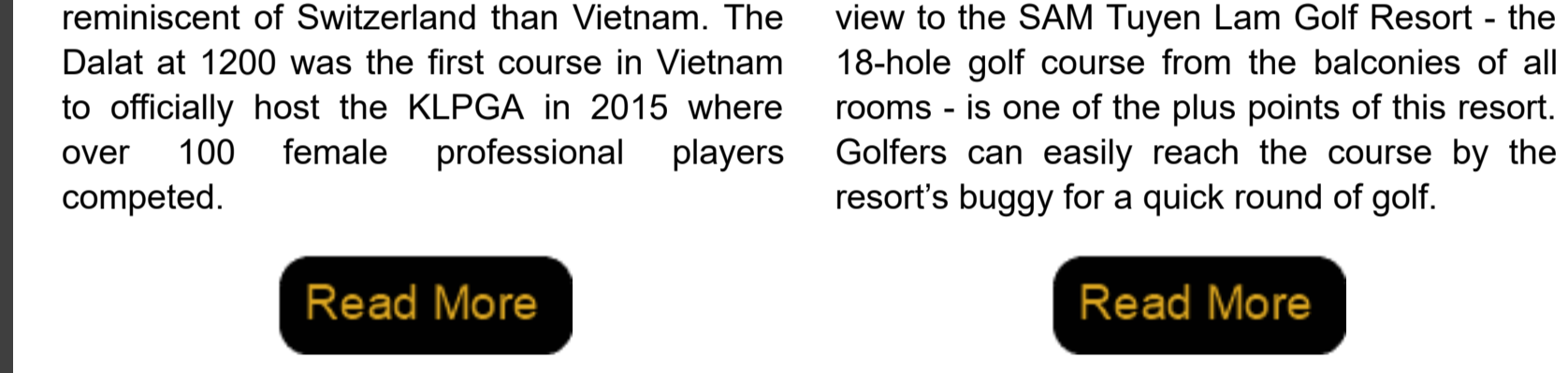
Swiss-Belresort Tuyen Lam
Located at Dalat Central Highland and surrounded by the hills, Swiss-Belresort Tuyen Lam offers an exceptional experience for golfers who are looking for a nice resort with fresh air, comfortable rooms, good breakfast and international cuisine. Spacious king-sized bedrooms, en suite bathrooms with shower and bathtub ensure that all guests have good time during their stay. The great view to the SAM Tuyen Lam Golf Resort - the 18-hole golf course from the balconies of all rooms - is one of the plus points of this resort. Golfers can easily reach the course by the resort's buggy for a quick round of golf.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

AccorHotels Vietnam World Masters 9 - 15 Sep. 2018	Mercure Pattaya Singles Golf Week 16 - 22 Sept. 2018	Shangri-La Chiang Mai Golf Week 28 Oct. - 2 Nov. 2018
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GOLF TOURNAMENT SPECIALS



Pattaya Singles Golf Week
At the Mercure Pattaya Ocean Resort Golf Weeks, you will join a community of solo golf travelers who share your passion and thirst for golf, travel and fun!

Play four of Pattaya's top golf courses. Experience Pattaya's natural beauty, attractions and culture with organized tours or get your heart racing with adrenalin-fueled activities.

There's an extensive prize table, quality gift packs, sensational luxury draw prizes and the nightly parties and entertainment are great fun.

At the heart of the event's success is the camaraderie developed among participants.

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Shangri-La Golf Championship
At the Shangri-La Chiang Mai 2 Ball Golf Championship you will play as a team of 2. This popular competition format includes best ball, ambrose and aggregate events.

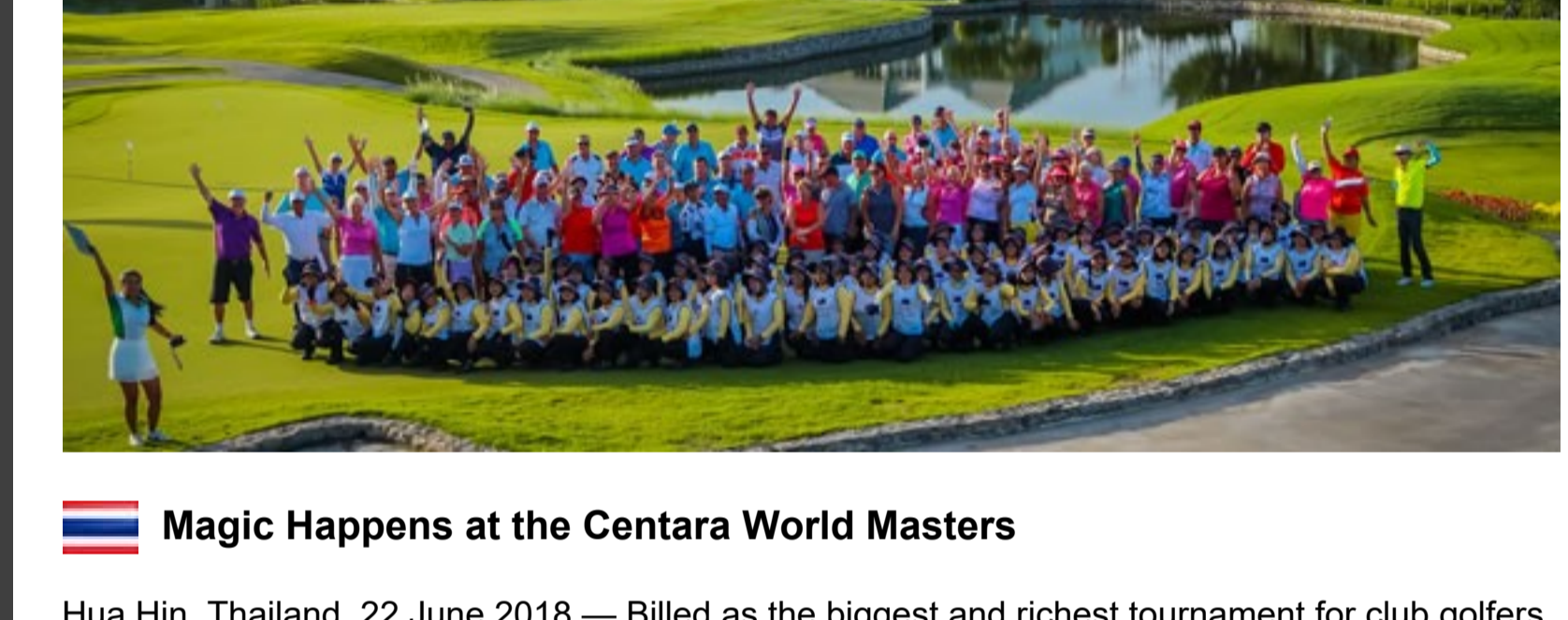
Chiang Mai Highlands Golf and Spa Resort, Alpine Golf Resort Chiang Mai & Gassan Legacy Golf Club will give you the ultimate golfing experience. You will be spoiled by Thailand's trendy caddies.

The 5* Shrang-La Hotel Chiang Mai is perfectly located in walking distance to nearby bars, restaurants & local attractions.

Much more than a golf tournament, there is fancy dress fun, lively social events and entertainment every night.

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PRESS RELEASE

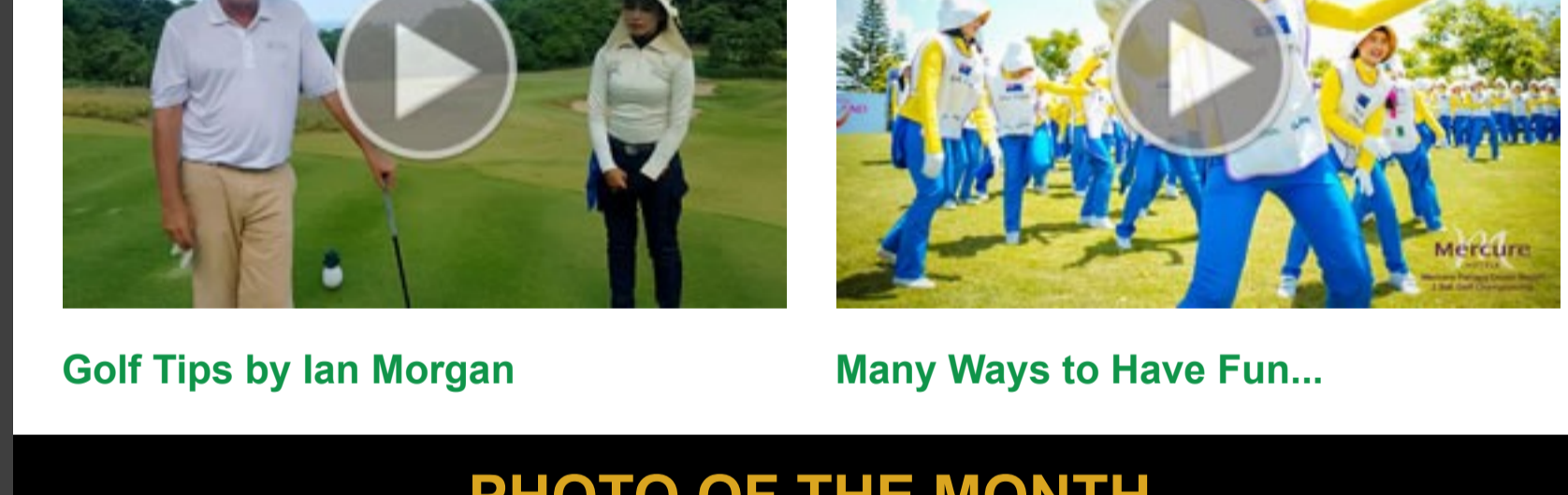


Magic Happens at the Centara World Masters
Hua Hin, Thailand, 22 June 2018 — Billed as the biggest and richest tournament for club golfers in all of Asia and again attracting 500 plus players from 27 countries, sharing in US\$50,000 in prizes, the Centara World Masters Golf Championship has rightly earned this tagline.

While the numbers are impressive, talking to the players you come to understand this event has a certain magic that makes it both unique and compelling.

[Read the Entire Press Release](#)

VIDEOS OF THE MONTH



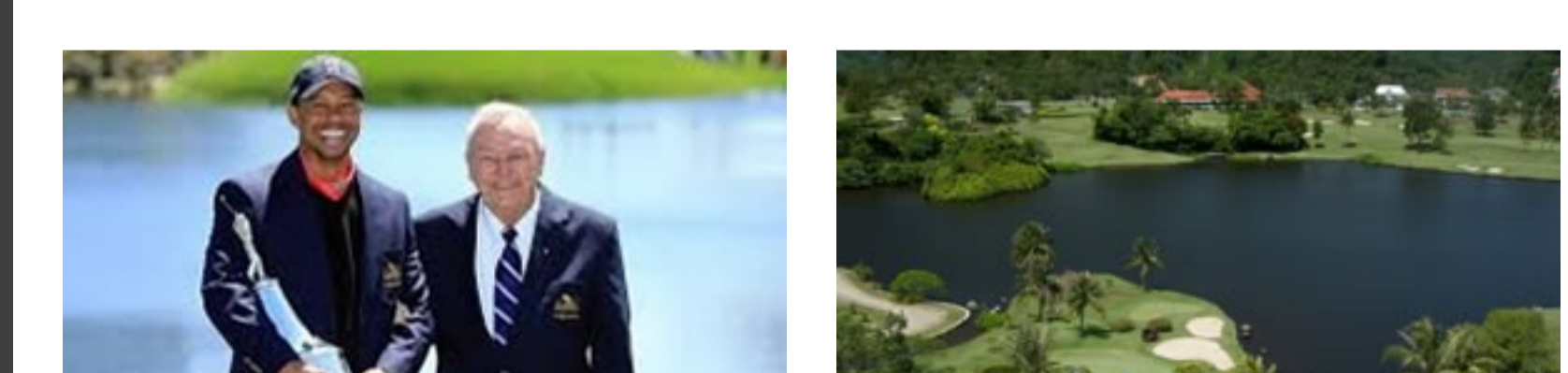
[Golf Tips by Ian Morgan](#) [Many Ways to Have Fun...](#)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Tom Shea at Black Mountain Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand at the Centara World Masters. [View all photos of the tournament here.](#)

BEST OF THE INTERNET



Best of Our Blogs
Thailand Golf - Courses that Might "Suit Your Eye"?

The picture at the head of this article is of Tiger Woods after one of his 8 victories at the Arnold Palmer Invitational played at Bay Hill.

[Read it all here!](#)

GOLF FUN
Top 7 Tips for the Greatest Golf Holiday Ever!

It's coming to that special time of the year when you can turn on your out of office and get ready for some time away on the fairways.

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GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCES & CLOSURES

Thailand

Bangkok
• Cascata Golf Club: Course will be closed on 20 July for a tournament.
• Kiari Thane Country Club: Course will be closed until April 2019 for renovation.
• Lam Luk Ka Country Club: Course will be closed on 24 July for a tournament.
• Muang Keaw Golf Club: Course will be closed on 23, 18-19 & 25-26 July for tournaments.
• Suwan Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed on 5 & 21 July and 9-10 August for tournaments.
• Thana City Country Club: Course will be closed on 4, 19, 21 & 24 July and 5, 9, 17 & 23 August for tournaments.
• Windsor Park & Golf Club: Course will be closed on 9, 13 & 19-20 July for tournaments.

Hua Hin
• Banyan Golf Club: Course will be undergoing coring green and top dressing during 9-18 August.
• Black Mountain Golf Club: The West Course is closed for maintenance until 31 July.
• Majestic Creek Country Club: Course B will be closed from 9 June - 31 August for maintenance.

Pattaya
• Greenwood Golf & Resort: Course A will be closed for coring green during 1 April - 20 August, course C during 1 July - 30 September.
• Khao Kheow Country Club: Course A will be closed during 1-31 July for maintenance.
• Laem Chabang Country Club: Course will be closed during 20-21 June for a tournament.
• Phoenix Golf & Country Club: Course will be closed during 25-29 July for tournaments.

Phuket
• All Courses are in good condition.

Chiang Mai
• Alpine Golf Resort Chiang Mai: Course C will be undergoing coring green during 1 June - 31 July. Course A will be undergoing coring green during 1 August - 30 September.

Chiang Rai
• Santiburi Chiang Rai Country Club: Course will be undergoing hole maintenance for holes 1-18 during 27 August - 20 October.

Khao Yai
• All Courses are in good condition.

Vietnam

Danang
• Ba Na Hills Golf Club: Course will be undergoing coring green during 16-17 July.
• Vinpearl Golf Nam Hoi An: Course will be closed on 21 & 27-29 July for tournaments.

Dalat
• All courses are in good condition.

Hai Phong / Halong Bay
• BRG Ruby Teak Golf Resort: Course will be closed in the afternoon of 14 July for a tournament.
• Vinpearl Golf Haiphong: Course B is undergoing coring greens until 18 July.

Hanoi
• BRG Kings Island Golf Resort, Lakeside Course: Course will be closed on 7 July for a tournament.

Nha Trang
• Diamond Bay Golf & Villas: Course will be closed on 14 & 29 July for tournaments.

Salgon
• Jeongsan Country Club: Course will be closed for maintenance on 16 July, 20 August, 17 September & 15 October.
• Long Thanh Gold Club: Lake course will be undergoing coring green (holes 1-9) during 18 June - 7 July.
• Tan Son Nhat Golf Course: Course will be closed on 14 August for a tournament.

Vung Tau
• The Bluffs Ho Tram Strip: Course will hold the Ho Tram Player Championship during 6-9 December.

Indonesia

Bali
• Bali National Golf Club: Course will be closed on 15 July for a tournament.
• New Kuta Golf: Course will be closed on 6-7 July & 13-14 July for tournaments.
• Nirwana Ball Golf Club: Course will be closed until 31 July 2020 for major renovation.

Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur
• 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 August 2018.

Cambodia

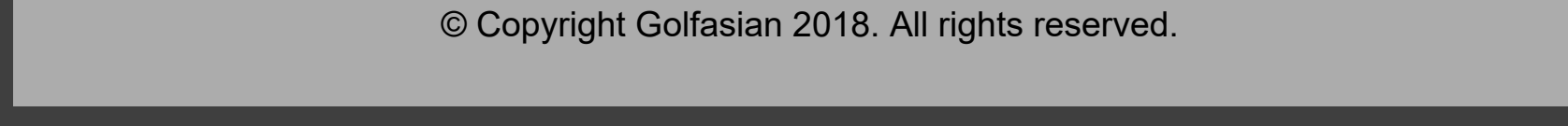
Siem Reap
• Angkor Golf Resort: Course will be undergoing maintenance during 25-29 June.
• Phokeethra Country Club: Course will be closed from 1 April - 31 July for renovation.

Phnom Penh
• Garden City Golf Club: Course will be closed on 29 July due to election day.
• Grand Phnom Penh Golf Club: Course will be closed on 29 July due to election day.

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