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## Asian Golf Nation - June 2010

Dear Travel Partners & Golf Travelers,



Welcome to the latest issue of the Asian Golf Nation, the source for news breaking information about golf in Indochina.

As you might have noticed, I intentionally delayed this newsletter to be able to bring you GOOD NEWS.

Well - the GOOD NEWS is that after months of demonstrations and upheaval in downtown Bangkok making International headlines - peace has finally returned, the streets have been cleaned up, the demonstrators have returned home, and offices, shops and hotels have re-opened. The Skytrain and subway are back in operation. [\[Read more below...\]](#)

Not to downplay what happened at the main demonstration area in central Bangkok; particularly in light of international media coverage as always sensationalism sells. However, in reality 99.9999% of Thailand remained peaceful through all the recent events and golfers throughout Thailand were never at risk unless they were foolish enough to go to the main demonstration area. Anyway things are back to normal in

Bangkok now, though of course there are still political differences and some emotional wounds among the Thais.

The only thing missing now are golf holidaymakers!

Now a favor, I ask for your kind support in spreading the word that Thailand is safe to visit, travel advisories are being normalized and Thailand is welcoming all foreign golfers.

With that said it is once again it's time to let you know what is going on in golf across the region and over the next couple of months.

**July and August are my 2 favorite months for golf in Asia.** Summer brings cooler temperatures and is a season of golf festivals. Dry daytimes provide great opportunities for golf as most rain comes late in the day or overnight. **Lower prices, good weather, and fewer tourists** make for some great low season deals, too which everyone likes. For example, you can now play the 3 best [Pattaya golf courses](#) for less than 50 USD a round each. [Inquire here](#) to find out more details!

Now for the golf news from around the region:



### Thailand


Bangkok: [Royal Gems](#) is delayed! Bangkok's high end replica course being built near Alpine is officially delayed at least until November. I am not sure what caused the day, probably overzealous owners plans, but from what I can see the course is still destined to become one of the best in Thailand, if not all Asia. Nine holes are replicas of the back nine at Augusta National and the others are copies of Scotland's best holes. Stay tuned for more construction and initial play reports.



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### Asian Golf Monthly




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## Vietnam

 **Danang:** This new golf destination continues to sell well. [Danang Golf Club](#) launched their own web site, [Montgomerie Links](#) has established itself on the as a tournament venue, and media coverage is growing fast. I am recommending every golfer coming to Vietnam this fall include Danang in their plans. If you want to be the first to discover this new destination, check out come of our [most popular tours](#) or lets us tailor make a [Vietnam golf package](#) including Danang just for you.



## Malaysia

 **Kota Kinabalu:** Kota Kinabalu, or KK as it is affectionately called, is the capital of the East Malaysian State of Sabah. Over 50 percent of the land is still swathed in tropical million-year old rainforests. Being a coastal state, KK is well known for friendly people, endless stretches of white sandy beaches, world class beach resorts and not least a great golf destination with 4 excellent area golf courses.

There is also good nightlife as the town is the center for the mining and oil industry, which brings infrastructure for expatriates living in the area and golf holidaymakers visiting from further a field. Golfers visiting KK have called Sabah a tropical golfing paradise. The best part of it all is that it is summer all year round of warm weather, warm seas, warm hospitality, and great golf. Have a look at our recently added [Malaysia Golf Tour Packages](#). Let me know if you might be interested for this fall or winter.



With that I would like to thank those of you for your support during this trying time. To be sure, Thailand will bounce back and South East Asia remains the best value [premium golf destination](#) in the world. Moreover, we would not be here if it were not for loyal clients as you. If there is anything I can do for you please let me know. I would be glad build you a [golf package](#) to suit any budget and preferred style of travel.

Until the next newsletter, happy golfing!

*Mark Siegel*  
Managing Director of Golfasian

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

You can find us at the following exhibits:

- June 25 - 27 - Asia Golf Industry Show 2010 (New Delhi)
- November 15 - 18 - International Golf Travel Market 2010 (Valencia)

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




## Featured Resort - Pattaya Marriott Resort & Spa

The Pattaya Marriott Resort & Spa is conveniently located in the center of Pattaya and next to the beach. Leave the busy streets of Pattaya to arrive in an oasis of peace.


Great rooms, gorgeous pool area and an excellent

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 **Featured Golf Course - Chiang Mai Highlands Golf & Spa**

One thousand feet above sea level in the mountainous northern region of Thailand, **Chiang Mai Highlands Golf & Spa Resort** is a breath of fresh air - literally. The atmosphere is cooler and crisper here than in any other part of the country. The reservoir-fed course is invigorating, too. Credit goes to Mother Nature and the design team of Schmidt/Curley, which elected not to impinge on the land and instead let the natural contours of the hilly property dictate each hole.



The result is a nice balance of risk and reward, symbolized best by the 558-yard, par-5 finisher - a down-hiller that tempts players on their second shot to take on a large pond fronting the green. After you've made eagle, take a seat in the plush, open-air restaurant for 5-star nosh, or retreat to one of nine exquisitely appointed bungalows with balconies overlooking your triumph. [[Read More](#)]

 **Golf News Wire : Golf in Malaysia - The Unseen Golf Destination**

Leading Thailand, Vietnam & Cambodia Golf Tour Operator Golfasian is now presenting golf holiday makers with the opportunity to **Golf in Malaysia**.

"During the recent months we have received an increasing amount of requests for [Malaysia Golf Tour Packages](#). Given Malaysia's beautifully designed [golf courses](#), fascinating hotels & resorts, superb infrastructure, and friendly hospitality, we have decided to add **Malaysia Golf** as an additional Asian Golf Destination," explained Mark Siegel, Managing Director of Golfasian. [[Read it all!](#)]



 **Thailand Travel Update**

Since May 20 there have been no more demonstrations and no political violence. Most foreign governments, including the United States and Hong Kong, have lifted their travel warnings.

All tourist areas and attractions, golf courses and hotels are in full normal operation (and were not generally affected by the demonstrations or any of the related violence aside from the number of visitors being down).



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## Thailand Golf Etiquette

Golf in Thailand can be a bit different to what you are used to, and certain aspects of etiquette must be strictly adhered to. You must remember that you are in a country that has completely different culture and customs, and you must adapt to this as a visitor.

[Read more about the best Thailand Golf Etiquette...](#)

Other golf stories can be found at the [Thailand Golf Zone](#) where there are over 450 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 - 4 Swing Keys To Trim Your Golf Score

- 1. Posture**  
Good posture is critical to achieving consistency. If you have good posture at address you will promote to a full shoulder turn. This results in increased power and distance.
- 2. Backswing**  
Make sure the shaft is pointing parallel to the target line on your backswing and you the ball straighter and more solidly.
- 3. Hip Movement**  
Many players with high golf handicaps get too aggressive with their hips, which drops the club behind them and results in hooks or blocks. Aim to keep your hips quiet so your arms can swing past your body through impact. Keeping your hips quiet helps you stay in sync and results in more consistency.
- 4. Tempo**  
Tempo is a hard to learn. It's all feel. The key to finding the right tempo is to think smooth and slow. The ball is not going anywhere until you hit it, so why rush the swing.  
Posture, backswing, hip movement and tempo are 4 keys to consistency and lowering your score. Master these and you just may find your friends copying your swing.



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