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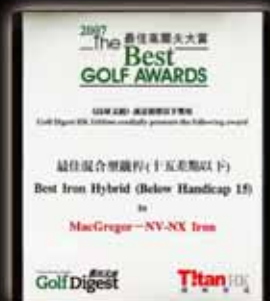
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Developing the Game...

Of all the golf stories of the year, my personal favourite (and easily the most symbolic) was that of Liang Wen-chong donating the prize money he earned for winning the Clariden Leu Singapore Masters in May to help the development of golf in China. "I hope more of the young ones will pick up the sport," Liang said at the time.

This was a mighty gesture - US\$183,330 - the winner's prize - is a hefty sum whichever way you look at it, so Liang deserves enormous credit. Indeed it was fitting that he would go on to become the first Chinese player to win the Asian Tour's UBS Order of Merit: it just goes to show that nice guys can finish first.

But the question that needs to be asked in light of Liang's generosity is: why? Why is it down to the country's number one player to provide the financial impetus for the development of the game in the Middle Kingdom? Where are the sponsors? What are the golf clubs doing? Whatever happened to the China Golf Association? China isn't the same place it was when Liang was growing up. Every first world country talks admiringly of the economic transformation on the mainland; but surely, if there's enough money to host the Olympic Games, then there's enough money to promote golf among the young.

Quite frankly, I think *all* the clubs should follow the lead of Chung Shan Hot Spring, who thrust a 7-iron into Liang's hands when he was just 14 years old. Liang's parents could never have afforded the membership fee, but the club's management at the time took it upon themselves to introduce the game to a wider social audience. It doesn't actually take that much: invite local school children for a lesson once week, give them access to the course during off-peak times and encourage the members to donate their old golf equipment so the kids can at least get a start in the game. Chung Shan did precisely this and Liang went on to become Asia's number one player.

Now what if every single one of the 300 or so clubs in China followed their lead? They might not necessarily get 300 players of the calibre of Liang, but you never know; they might. They could at least try.



Alex Jenkins
Editor

HARRINGTON COACH DESIGNS FOR GEL

Hong Kong-based GEL Golf are set to launch their newest series of putters – the ‘Dr Paul Hurrion’ Signature Range – in the upcoming weeks, the company has told *Asian Golf Explorer*. Incorporating the latest in groove and insert technology, the seven new models – ranging from the Ora, a face-balanced blade, to the Agito, a centre-shafted mallet, have all been designed in partnership with Dr Paul Hurrion, biomechanics guru and putting coach to some of the best players in the world. Hurrion, whose own company Quintic advises a range of international sporting bodies and equipment manufacturers, was instrumental in Padraig Harrington’s Open Championship success last July, with the Irishman



crediting him for his outstanding display on the greens at Carnoustie. Each new model features groove technology, which creates immediate forward roll; a multi-layer aluminum insert which, the

company says, enhances feel and gives exceptional feedback, while perimeter weighting has enhanced the MOI (moment of inertia), leading to increased forgiveness.

HK-BASED COMPANY SECURES FIRST TOUR WIN

Using a GEL Sapphire putter, American Bryan Saltus (see Final Shot, page 48) claimed victory at the Johnnie Walker Cambodian Open in December – his and the Hong Kong-based company’s first tour win. “My putting

has been the winning formula this week. I had a good start with three birdies and my confidence carried on after that,” said a thrilled Saltus, who needed his GEL Sapphire putter only 114 times over the four rounds. Asian Tour statistics show that Saltus’ putting average prior to Cambodia had been 30.4 per round but using his GEL, that average plummeted to 28.5 putts per round. In addition to the US\$47,550 he picked up for winning the event, Saltus also received a cheque of US\$10,000 from Alec Pettigrew, managing director of GEL Golf, for his stellar display. “I heartily congratulate Bryan and am delighted that one of our GEL putters has made a positive contribution to securing his victory here today. It is GEL’s maiden tour win and we look forward to many more,” said Pettigrew.

Saltus in the groove (from left): on his way to victory in Cambodia; receiving a tidy bonus.



Antigua Arrives in Hong Kong

Premium golf apparel brand **Antigua**, whose Performance Collection range of products are worn by some of the world's finest players, has finally extended its reach to Hong Kong and China. Known for their modern designs, Antigua's quality clothing can be found in the following pro shops:



Central Golf, Shop G3, Bank of America Tower, 12 Harcourt Rd, Central
City Golf Club, 8 Wui Cheung Rd, Kowloon

Hong Kong Golf, Shop 3, 1/F, Oterprise Square, 26 Nathan Road, T.S.T.

Golf City, Flat A-D, 1/F, Hon Kwong Mansion, 25-29 Hankow Rd, T.S.T.

New World Department Store, T.S.T. East

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COURSE NEWS

Lakewood's New Clubhouse...finally

It's been a long time coming but Zhuhai's Lakewood Golf & Country Club finally has a proper clubhouse. Ever since opening in 1995, visitors to either of Lakewood's two courses – the Lakes and the excellent Mountain layout – were forced to use a so-called temporary clubhouse, a shack of a place that was 'temporary' for all of 12 years. But that's all changed with the unveiling of a spanking new, almost Hacienda-style structure, which houses a restaurant, changing rooms and a well-equipped pro shop. *For the latest Lakewood golf packages call +852 2187 3146.*



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Keep It On The Straight And Narrow

Fenghuangshan, Guangdong's newest course, requires laser-like accuracy just to keep it in play. Bring extra balls...and a bucket-load of patience.

A few months ago we ran a story highlighting the region's most difficult holes (*Card-Wreckers*, August 2007). In it we featured particularly gruelling tests from courses like Kau Sai Chau (the do-or-die par-three 14th), Clearwater Bay (the re-vamped 3rd, which runs hard by the ocean)

and the Greg Norman-designed layout at Mission Hills (the bunker-laced par-four 9th). Worthy inclusions one and all.

If we were to do the same story today, however, we'd need to make a few additions to that already fearsome list. The reason? We just played Fenghuangshan

Golf Course, which is home – we're not exaggerating – to a handful of the most dangerous holes in existence anywhere.

Located on the fringes of Dongguan district, only a 45-minute cab drive from the Huanggang border crossing in Shenzhen, Fenghuangshan (closest





Tough track (clockwise from left): picturesque but potentially disastrous; the tee shot at the 2nd; the delightful par-three 5th; no bail-out at the 10th.

“That they managed to squeeze in 18 holes on the rugged mountainous terrain that surround the huge gaping chasms of the former mines is a staggering achievement.”

translation: Phoenix Hill) is an interesting story. While golf course projects around the country have been subject to strict government oversight – due mainly to concerns over the bulldozing of prime farmland sites – it is actually the local government who, in harness with a private investor, have developed the golf course from its previous land use: a series of abandoned quarries.

The fact that they managed to squeeze in 18 holes on the rugged mountainous terrain that surround the huge gaping chasms of the former mines is staggering. And to say there is elevation change to the holes would be seriously understating the matter. To be perfectly frank, nobody in the golf design business would consider such harsh topography suitable for a course, so the developers deserve credit. They’ve managed to create something from absolutely nothing – and if that something is another golf course option available to us, then that can only be good news.

You come to realize that Fenghuangshan isn’t your average run-of-the-mill conventional layout as you ascend to the 2nd tee. This par-four only measures 313-yards but what it lacks in length it also lacks in width. Flanked on the right side by the first of several vertigo-inducing

chasms, the fairway here is seriously narrow, which forces you into hitting as little as a 7-iron off the tee. Braver souls may risk everything with trying to bash driver over the trouble, but it’s early days and there are still 16 holes to play – a mistake here will reduce your ball supply and there are even tougher holes out here.

Take the 3rd for instance. It has to be one of the very holes around where you can see the green from the elevated tee but not the fairway, which makes it mind-bendingly confusing. First timers have to rely solely on what the caddie says; there is really no way of knowing what club to hit.

For all its eccentricities – and there are many – Fenghuangshan is actually a lot of fun to play – as long as you bring along a sense of humour that is. And it’s not as if it’s all wacky races. There are some outstanding holes out there – the par threes are particularly good – and you’re afforded some fine views of the rest of the property and the nearby town of Fenggang from the exceptionally elevated tees at the start of the back nine. It’s beautiful in its own right too – the planting of thousands of lychee and elegant firs has given the course a mature feel to things despite its youth.

NEED TO KNOW

FENGHUANGSHAN GOLF COURSE

Xiangxin Road West, Yantian District
Fenggang Town, Dongguan City

Par: 72. Yardage:

6,806 / 6,388 / 5,924 / 5,574

Course/Slope Rating: N/A

All visitors welcome.

Carts & caddies are mandatory.

CLUBHOUSE

Temporary clubhouse in operation.

Permanent clubhouse expected to open in 2009.

Current facilities include: locker rooms, pro-shop, driving range.

GETTING THERE

Huanggang Border – Club: 45mins by taxi; RMB150 approx.

COSTS

Weekday : RMB470 / HK\$480

Weekend : RMB700 / HK\$730

included Green fee. Caddie fee, shared cart, locker



山雞變鳳凰

在深圳及東莞的交匯處(從皇崗出發約 45 分鐘)，便是雁田，這裡有一個荒廢的石礦場，盡管開採商已經把那七、八十米深的深坑填平，可惜既不适合建樓房，也不能用作農地，更糟的是其外觀，一塊塊的，非常礙眼。

鎮政府很快便找到解決辦法，就是找來投資者，共同將這塊荒地變為高爾夫球場，現在搖身一變，成為廣東省內最新的球場——鳳凰山高爾夫球會，一個山地型球場，其設計師亦是其老闆，落筆時十八洞已經全面啟用，不過後九洞因剛剛完成，草坪仍在幼嫩期。

正式會所在興建中，位于山頂上，居高臨下，十分有氣勢，光從其外型看，相信也頗大，預計 2009 年可以啟用，現時的臨時會所在山下，原為練習場。

這座球場在山中穿插，忽高忽低，受山地的限制，所以大部份球道非常狹窄，“零”容錯性一點都沒有誇張，多個三杆洞的果嶺都建於山崖上，貼切的形容就是不成功便成仁；其它的洞也超高挑戰性，像第二洞四杆洞雖然只有 313 碼，先落

後上山，不過絕不好惹，球道極為狹窄，右面是山崖，左面是紅椿，非常驚險，如果您仍未覺得夠刺激，大概第三洞可以滿足您，左狗腿下坡四杆洞，站在發球台上，您可以清楚地看到果嶺，但球道卻欲隱欲現，只好向身邊的球僮求助，球僮會老實告訴您只有兩個選擇，要不是 Lay Up 打 160 碼到第一個靠右的平台便要強攻飛行 230 碼到第二個平台，一碼都不能少，驚心動魄。

還好這座球場的距離並不長，就算收起一號木都能應付，這裡要求您的準確性遠遠凌駕於距離，雖然，某些洞的合理性極具爭議，不過整體上的趣味性相當不錯，景觀也極為漂亮。

鎮政府將一處不毛之地變為一座球場，雖然對球手的技術要求苛刻了一點，但多一座球場，肯定對高爾夫界來說是一個佳音。

最後提醒各位，記住帶多些球啊！**AGE**



鳳凰山高爾夫球會

東莞市鳳崗雁田祥新西路

標準杆數 72。總長度：

6,806 / 6,388 / 5,924 / 5,574

球場易難度：未有

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會所

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皇崗到球會：乘的士約 45 分鐘；車費約人民幣 150。

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平日：RMB470/ HK\$480

假日：RMB700/ HK\$730

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Not all driving ranges are created equally.

Some have quality short game practice areas, some offer technologically advanced custom clubfitting centres and some can even boast fancy cafes and restaurants. In

fact, the term 'driving range' is a bit of a misnomer, especially in Hong Kong where just offering a bucket of crappy balls and a plastic mat to hit them off is not enough to draw the punters in. In this, the first in a two-part driving range special, we take a good look around the practice facilities of Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Next up, the New Territories.



PLACES TO PRACTICE HK ISLAND & KOWLOON



Central Golf

"Asia's leading indoor golf and lifestyle centre" shouldn't be mistaken for a driving range – this swish 10,000 sq foot establishment, situated on the ground floor of Bank of America Tower, has been providing quality instruction in a state-of-the-art environment for the past five years and has recently expanded with the opening a sister facility up in Beijing. Although a limited number of practice bays, each with their own cool Swing Analysis System are available for you to let fly on your own, Central Golf is better known as a coaching centre – it's part of the noted John Jacobs' chain of golf schools – and custom club fitting expert. Given its location and impressive range of gadgetry, membership doesn't come cheap, but the listed prices include a whole bunch of freebies, including lessons, seminars, golf days and on-course instruction at the ultra-exclusive Xili Golf Club in Shenzhen.

Pros: Great instruction and teaching aids, regular members' evenings, location

Cons: Indoor

Number of Bays: 3 plus instruction studios and club fitting area.

Length of Range: N/A (Indoor)

Membership: \$3,180 (Silver; individual), \$5,680 (Gold; cardholder + 1 family nominee), \$9,980 (Black; cardholder + 3 family nominees). All per annum.

Getting There: Exit J3, Central MTR Station.

Opening Hours: 9am – 9pm (Mon thru Fri); 10am – 7pm (Sat, Sun, PH)

Other Facilities: Locker rooms, café, pro shop, club fitting, synthetic putting green.

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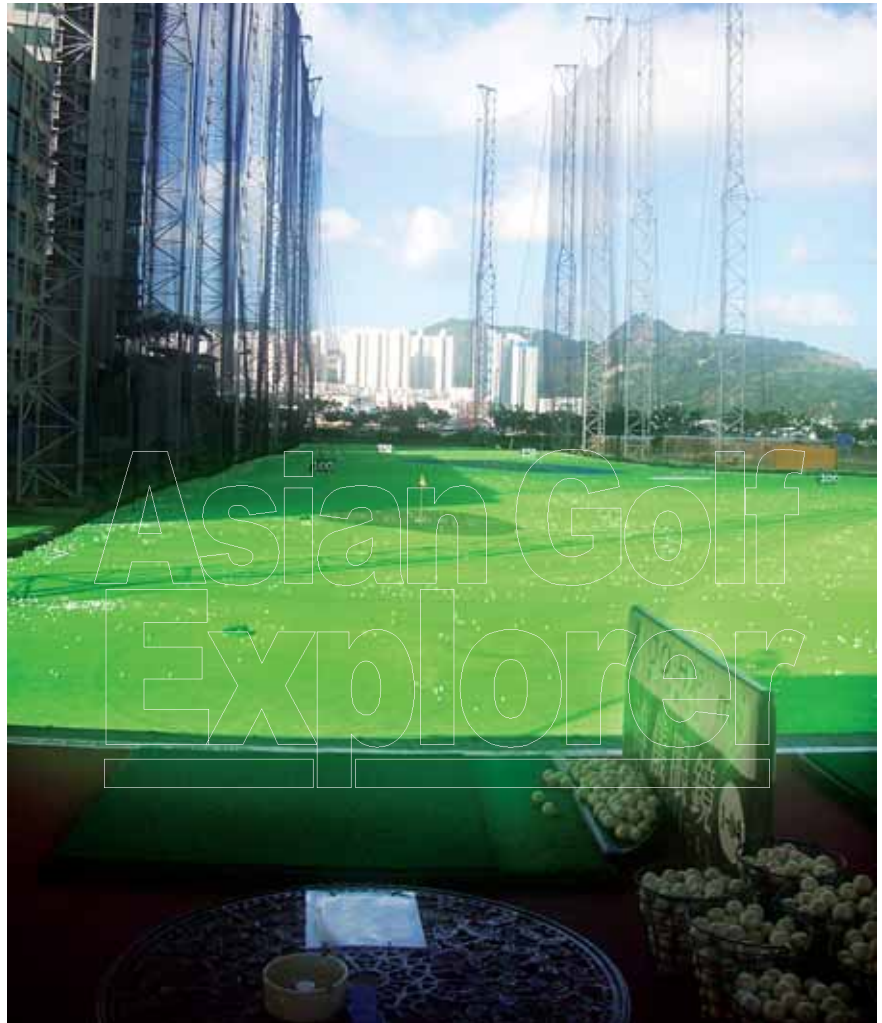
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Pros: Good golf facilities, great Thai restaurant, close to MTR

Cons: Pricey

Number of Bays: 112

Length of Range: 200 yards (max)

Cost: \$30-40 per 30mins (Member) / \$45-60 (Non-Member)

Membership: \$1,800 per annum (Individual) plus \$600 refundable booking deposit.

Getting There: Exit A1, Sai Wan Ho MTR

Opening Hours: 12pm – 11pm (Mon); 7am – 11pm (Tues thru Sun)

Other Facilities: Synthetic putting green, pro shop, Thai restaurant, Italian delicatessen, academy, locker rooms

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Island Golf Club

The newest driving range in Hong Kong, Island Golf opened to much fanfare at the end of 2005. Although the L-shaped hitting zone is a little unconventional and the costs are higher than most other places, the overall standard of the facilities here is superb, most notably the club's Thai restaurant, which serves up a great selection of tasty treats, and the luxuriously decorated locker rooms. Try and avoid the bays on ground level however – they're narrow and feel cramped. The upper floors are far more spacious.



South China Athletic Association

Whacking balls onto the scrubby patch of turf that is the SCAA's football pitch won't appeal to all – especially as you have to be a member to have the privilege of doing so. But this 2-storey range, just a few minutes walk from the heart of Causeway Bay, is ultra convenient for the post-work crowd and there's even a couple of bunkers for you to practice your sand game. Not in the best of upkeep however, and their "no driver" policy will irritate those who like nothing more than blasting away with the longest club in the bag.

Pros: Location

Cons: No driver policy, limited opening times, could do with a revamp.

Number of Bays: 51

Length of Range: 150-160 yards

Cost: \$20-30 per 30mins (Member's only).

Membership: \$1,000 per annum

Getting There: Exit F, Causeway Bay MTR.

Opening Hours: 5pm – 11pm (Mon, Wed, Fri); 6pm – 11pm (Tues and Thurs); 4pm – 11pm (Sat and Sun).

Other Facilities: Restaurant and roof bar, 2 practice bunkers.

CONTACT

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Pros: All-round excellent range, club fitting centre, close to MTR

Cons: Gets busy

Number of Bays:

Length of Range: 220 yards

Cost: \$30-40 per 30mins (Gold Member) / \$60-100 (Non-Member)

Membership Fee: \$1,200 per annum (Individual Gold Member) plus refundable \$200 booking deposit.

Getting There: Exit B, Cheung Sha Wan MTR.

Opening Hours: 8am – 11pm (Mon thru Sun)

Other Facilities: Short game area (including bunkers), synthetic putting green, pro shop and club fitting centre, café with Golf Channel TV, academy, locker rooms.

CONTACT

Asia Golf Club

688 Lai Chi Kok Road, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon

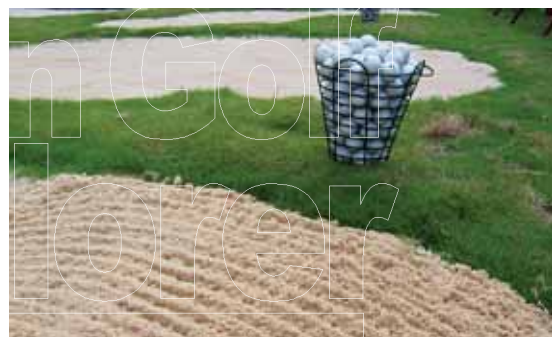
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AGC, just a three minute walk from Cheung Sha Wan MTR station, is an imposing 4-storey structure with a 220-yard range, making it the longest in urban Hong Kong. Facilities are generally excellent – from the standard of balls to the spacious practice bays on the upper floors – and innovative, with Swing Tutor (Levels 2 and 3) – a nifty teaching device which records your swing and measures parameters such as ball speed and distance – adding a high-tech and fun element to practice. Can get very busy in the evenings and weekends, so always worth booking ahead.





City Golf Club

City Golf has been around since 1999, making it one of the oldest public ranges in Hong Kong. Although rumours constantly abound that it's going to close soon to make way for the new West Kowloon KCR station, it hasn't shut up shop yet and still manages to draw golfers in huge numbers. Aside from providing a decent range, a well-stocked pro shop and club fitting centre, City Golf is also home to the Thai Mary restaurant, an authentic eatery popular with golfers and non-golfers alike. Legendary Academy, a bespoke golf school headed by Wilson Choy and Mark Reeves, is located at the basement level.

Pros: Convenient, good restaurant, custom club fitting

Cons: Range getting shorter

Number of Bays: Over 200

Length of Range: 170 yards (approximate)

Cost: \$30 per 30mins (Member) / \$50 (Non-Member)

Membership: \$1,400 per annum (Individual) plus refundable \$600 booking deposit.

Getting There: Exit A, Kowloon MTR (5mins) or Jordan MTR (10mins)

Opening Hours: 12pm – 12am (Mon); 7am – 12am (Tues thru Sun)

Other Facilities: Synthetic putting green, practice bunkers, Thai restaurant, pro shop, club fitting centre, café, academy, locker rooms

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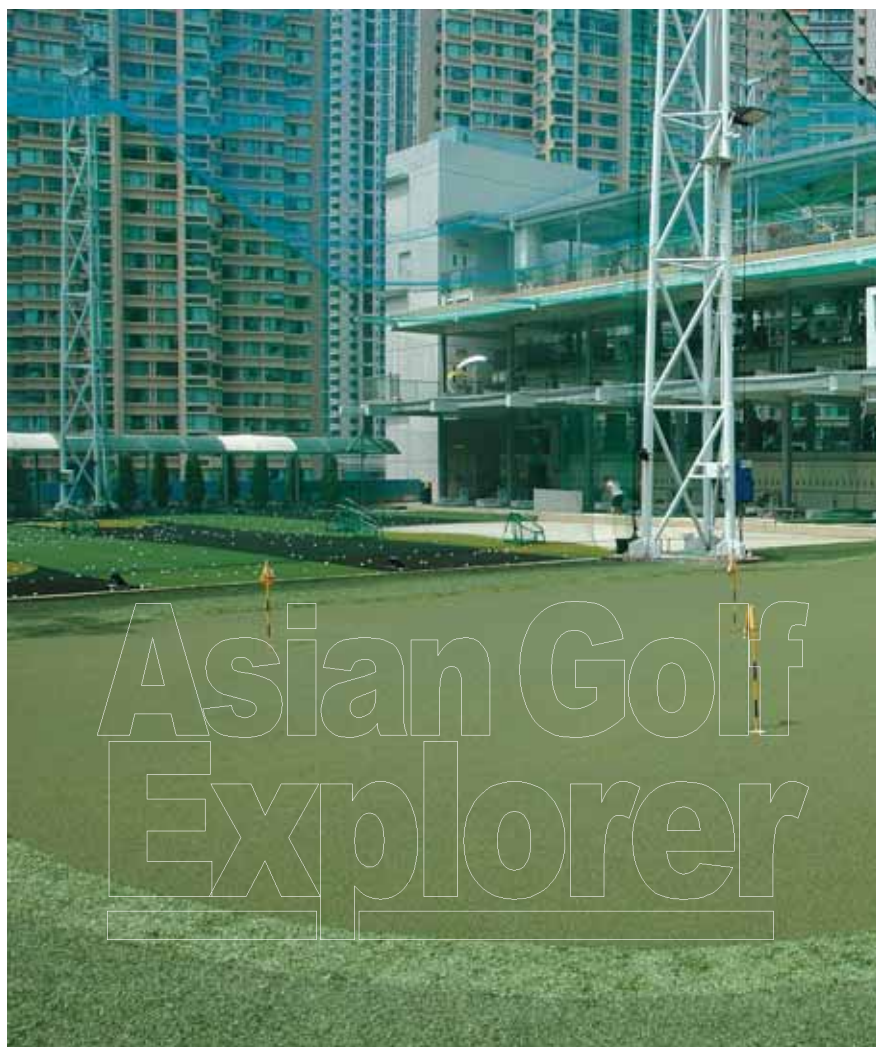
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Pros: Great practice putting green, convenient

Cons: Short range

Number of Bays: 52

Length of Range: 100 yards (approximate)

Cost: Call for latest prices

Membership: Call for latest prices

Getting There: Exit A1, Olympic MTR

Opening Hours: 7am – 11pm

Other Facilities: Synthetic putting green, short game area (bunkers), gym, café.

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Action Waterfall

Situated on the rooftop of the Olympian City shopping mall, this driving range, part of a larger gym and tennis complex, might well be the shortest of the bunch, but it shouldn't be overlooked as just a gimmick. A state-of-the-art practice putting green was installed early last year at vast cost, enhancing Waterfall's reputation as a short game centre. Although most would appreciate a longer range, it serves its purpose admirably, and because it's generally quieter than other places, the atmosphere is more conducive to quality practice time. **AGE**

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Golf Guide: **HO CHI MINH CITY**

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City of contrasts: Lazy days at Long Thanh;
Vespa frenzy [top right]



There's little doubt about it, Ho Chi Minh City is one of Asia's most exhilarating destinations. For the past few years, Vietnam has been the region's second fastest economy after China – and nowhere is this more obvious than on the streets on the country's biggest city. Ten years ago, the only cars you'd see on the wide boulevards were beaten-up taxis. Back then, the vehicle of choice for the metropolis's seven million residents was the ubiquitous motor scooter. And while there's certainly no shortage of buzzing Hondas these days – crossing the street without getting mown down by one is no small achievement – luxury saloons and high-powered SUVs have now taken over the mantle of Ho Chi Minh's kings of the road.

You see the change in the city's architecture, too. While French-inspired buildings, a hangover from the colonial

days of what was then known as Indochine, are still much in evidence, mass development has resulted in a slew of spanking new malls and apartment buildings. The skyline might not resemble Hong Kong or Shanghai yet, but there's every expectation that it will, and soon.

But arguably the most alluring aspect of the place is its coolness. And by that we don't mean its climate, which is still stifling hot most of the year. No, Ho Chi Minh, or Saigon as it is still referred to by its residents, is one hip and happening town. Drop into The Q Bar on Lam Son Square, or any number of trendy restaurants and watering holes, and you'll rub shoulders with an intriguing mix of snappily-attired business execs, their stylish (and more often than not, drop dead gorgeous) female companions and a sprinkling of young expats, who have come to the city in their droves in recent times. The Vietnamese, or at least

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the country's young *nouveau riche*, are a chic bunch but, like seemingly everyone else here, they're also incredibly friendly and welcoming to foreigners. Thailand might have earned the moniker, the Land of Smiles, but Vietnam is just as deserving.

But what of golf? There are currently only fourteen clubs in the whole of the country, three of which are within easy reach of HCMC. And although the two best courses are to be found at the coastal resort town of Phan Thiet (Ocean Dunes), a gruelling three and a half drive away, and Dalat (Dalat Palace), a 45-minute flight, HCMC's three clubs are certainly good enough - and visitor-friendly enough - to make swinging Saigon an intriguing choice for travellers who come with clubs in tow.

Vietnamese delights
(clockwise from right):
on the way to market;
birdies at Long Thanh;
Vietnam G&CC;
pretty par-3 at Dong Nai;
spring rolls Ho Chi Minh style.



ORIENTATION

Hong Kong Airlines, Cathay Pacific and Vietnam Airlines all fly direct to HCMC from Hong Kong (flying time: 2 hours). A metered taxi from the airport to downtown will take approximately 30 minutes and cost US\$10.

WHERE TO PLAY

Long Thanh Golf Club (Hill Course)

Par: 72. Yardage: 7,046.

Designed by Golfplan.

40 minutes from downtown HCMC.

Ho Chi Minh's newest club, this 36-hole facility was recently voted as the best

course in Vietnam by Vietnam Golf Magazine. Comprising the Hill and Lake courses, Long Thanh's greatest asset could well be its consistently excellent conditioning. Superb maintenance aside, the Hill Course, with its naturally rolling terrain and palm-fringed fairways, is the



pick, but be warned: the narrow landing areas and sweeping doglegs of the Hill also make this the more difficult of the two. The Lake Course, which was also designed by Ronald Fream's Golfplan, is almost pancake flat and features – surprise, surprise – vast water hazards and distinctive greenside and fairway bunkering. Long Thanh's large, well-decorated clubhouse is easily the most comfortable of all HCMC's courses.

Vietnam Golf & Country Club (East Course)

Par: 72. Yardage: 6,922.

Designed by Lee Trevino.

25 minutes from downtown HCMC.

As HCMC's most accessible course – it's only twenty minutes from the centre of the city – VG&CC is also the busiest, so getting a tee-time on the weekend can be problematic; weekdays is usually hassle free however. Home to two appealing courses – the Lee Trevino-designed East and the Taiwanese-designed West – VG&CC is a true member's club, with a highly active membership, a no-nonsense clubhouse and exceptionally

knowledgeable caddies. The West Course, which opened in 1994, is the more traditional of the two layouts and was carved from a cashew plantation. The longer and slightly newer East Course, Trevino's only design project in Asia, features flashier greenside bunkering and small, undulating greens.

Dong Nai Golf Resort (A/B Course)

Par: 72. Yardage: 6,854.

Designed by Ward Northrup.

1 hr from downtown HCMC.

Rising from the shores of Song May (Cloud River) Lake, the Dong Nai Golf Resort trades on a tropically bucolic setting that once attracted big-game hunters on the prowl for gaur and tiger. Today, the resort's 27 holes make the most of a stimulating topography, barrelling along the shore of the lake, vaulting inlets and climbing in terraces to panoramic vistas. Designed by American Ward Northrup, the course is a medley of dog-legs, water carries, peninsular greens and elevated tee-boxes. In play since 1997, it's water, water everywhere, with five of nine holes on the A course hugging the shores of the lake. The B course is built around the backed-up waters of a dammed stream. If you have the choice, play the A/B combination. The C Course, with its hidden landing areas and strong doglegs, can, at times, leave you feeling a little confused.

WHERE TO STAY

For those who prefer staying in character-packed colonial-era hotels as opposed to modern business tower blocks, HCMC will delight. The **Hotel Majestic** is a very worthy – and pricey – choice in this category, although the updated **Caravelle Hotel** (www.caravellehotel.com), made famous during the war as a



hangout for the world's press, with its fantastic spa and first-rate rooms, features the best of both worlds.

WHERE TO EAT

Despite joining the World Trade Organization almost two years ago, Vietnam is surprisingly (and refreshingly) lacking in American-style fast food outlets and coffee shops: there isn't a single McDonalds or Starbucks in HCMC. Instead, head out for a bowl of delicious Pho – Vietnam's signature noodle dish – which can be found in small eateries on every street corner. For mouth-watering Vietnamese cuisine in upscale surrounds, try **Temple Club** (29 Ton That Thiep St). **AGE**

COSTS

4 Days 3 Nights HK\$3,890up
HK <> Ho Chi Minh Roundtrip air ticket

3 nights hotel (Twin share)

Daily Breakfast

Long Thanh Golf Club Weekday 18

holes Green fee + Caddie Fee

Vietnam Country Golf Club Weekday

18 holes Green fee + Caddie Fee

Half Day City Tour & Entrance fee

English or Cantonese Speaking guide

Land transport





Asian Golf Explorer

The Best of Xiamen

This port city, less than an hour's flight from Hong Kong, boasts two fabulous courses of contrasting styles.

In many ways, Xiamen makes an ideal weekend getaway destination. The flight from Hong Kong takes only 50 minutes, the city itself, which was formerly known as Amoy when Xiamen was made a foreign concession in the early part of the 20th century, is one of the most laid-back on the Chinese mainland; and the attractions, be they the narrow streets of the **old quarter**, home to a labyrinth of small shops and eateries, or **Gulang Yu**, a small island a short ferry ride from Xiamen proper

known for its colonial-era mansions and attractive lakes, are a world away from what most travellers have come to expect from a large Chinese city.

But much more importantly – we are a golfing publication, after all – Xiamen has fine golf. Less crowded than the tracks of Guangdong, this small corner of Fujian province is a bit of a golfing secret; a place to come and relax, enjoy the delicious seafood and test your mettle on its charming courses.

WHERE TO PLAY

Orient (Xiamen) Golf Club (A/B Course)

Par: 72. Yardage: 7,105.

Designed by Ronald Fream.

If you've played at Orient (Macau) Golf Club, you'll think you've been here before – the small, but functional clubhouse is an almost exact replica of its Cotai counterpart. Occupying an undeniably attractive site overlooking the sea, this 27-hole layout is certainly no pushover: it can get really windy here, making the



Amoy swings:
at Orient (Xiamen) and
the Greg Norman-
designed Kai Kou [right]



already slimline fairways even more difficult to hit. Of the three nines, the undulating A/B combination is undoubtedly the best. Framed by majestic ancient trees, some of which are over 500-years-old, this is the original Ronald Fream-designed course, which has hosted numerous professional events over the years. The C Course is less fun; and, with real estate flanking the fairways, doesn't offer the same pleasant surrounds.

Getting There: 15 minutes from downtown Xiamen.

Kai Kou (Xiamen) Golf Club

Par: 72. Yardage: 7,074.

Designed by Greg Norman.

Greg Norman-designed courses are known for being notoriously difficult.

Not so Kai Kou, which manages to hold a great deal of interest without terrifying golfers of average ability. Don't get us wrong, this isn't an easy course by any stretch of the imagination, but the generous landing areas, large greens and exciting elevation changes make this one of the most enjoyable layouts on China's eastern seaboard. Think of it as a friendly version of the Norman Course at Mission Hills. Watch out for the typically strong Norman bunkering, however. Take your medicine and just try to escape at the first attempt; this is not the time to be over ambitious, or you could be in there a long time! The surrounding mountainous landscape might not match the wonderful seaviews at Orient, but it adds an air of serenity, which Hong Kong-based golfers will thoroughly appreciate.

COSTS

Kai Kou 3 Days 2 Nights HK\$2,590 up
HK <> Xiamen Roundtrip Ticket
Weekday 2 x 18 holes Green Fee, Caddie,
Shared Cart, Locker Fee
Club Hotel
Daily Breakfast
Airport <> Club Transfer
(Unlimited Green Fee for the third game
if one more night extend stay)
Non Golfer included Roundtrip Ticket,
Hotel Accommodation, Daily Breakfast,
Airport Transfer

Kai Kou + Orient 3 Days 2 Nights
HK\$2,990 up
HK <> Xiamen Roundtrip Ticket
Kai Kou Weekday 18 holes Green Fee,
Caddie, Shared Cart, Locker Fee
Orient Weekday 18 holes Green Fee,
Caddie, Shared Cart, Locker Fee
Club Hotel
Daily Breakfast
Airport <> Club Transfer



Xiamen sights (clockwise from top): flora abounds at Orient; an example of Kai Kou's typically strong bunkering; on the way to Gulang Yu; seafood delights; the port city isn't afraid to show off its colonial past.



廈門的最佳

位於福建省的沿海城市廈門，離香港只需50分鐘航程，擁有兩個優質但又風格各異的高爾夫球場。

從香港到廈門確實很方便，從距離上看，它比其它省份都要靠近香港，而廈門可能由於在歷史上曾經是租界地，它給予遊客一種較特別的感覺，當地氣氛令人感覺特別輕鬆，廈門除擁有中外聞名的景點－鼓浪嶼之外，舊城區更充滿殖民地時期的建築及小店，也是旅客參觀及消費的好選擇。

而我們作為一高爾夫雜誌，當然更關注的是廈門有多個出色的球場，而球場在一般的情況下沒有廣東省球場的擠擁，球友除可以暢打優質的球場之餘，亦可以到市郊海旁臨立的海鮮酒家享用著名又新鮮的海產。

廈門東方高爾夫鄉村俱樂部 (A/B 場)

標準桿數: 72. 全長: 7,105 碼

設計師: Ronald Fream.

如果你曾在澳門的東方高爾夫球會揮杆，你一定會對廈門東方球會的會所有著似經相識的感覺，因為兩個會所的大小及室內設計都大同小異，會所內每一項都簡

潔和以實用為主，給你一種舒適和輕鬆的感覺，會所位於小丘之上，俯瞰場內各條充滿挑戰性而又翠綠的球道。當試打過由 Ronald Fream 設計的 AB 及 C 的三個場之後，筆者首選較為精彩的 A 及 B 場，兩個場的球道因位於海旁，以至風景倍覺優美，場內更可找到年齡達 500 年的古樹；這裡曾作為多個職業賽之場地，從設計、球道及果嶺保養水平都不容置疑！相對地，C 場因為在球道的兩旁有較多房地產的建設，在觀景上較為遜色。整體而言，東方仍屬到廈門必打之選。

從市中心到球會: 只需: 15 分鐘車程。

凱歌高爾夫俱樂部

標準桿數: 72. 全長: 7,074 碼

設計師 Greg Norman.

Greg Norman 設計的球場出名於難度偏高的，但凱歌並無令初學者駭怕的設計，它反而擁有頗為寬闊但又起伏不定的球道、長草區亦被修短、果嶺較大，相對在觀瀾湖的球場較易應付。但大家也絕不可以輕視大白鯊的功力！因為 Greg Norman 亦有沿用它的又大又深的招牌沙池，只要你稍有不慎就難免受罰，最好的方法就用短桿救出，在沙池中要強攻就要有心理準備長期被困在內多打幾桿！

在觀景上凱歌可能不及東方，但它的自然山勢及環境卻有另一種滋味，對來自香港的球友，有著不一樣的感受。 **AGE**

凱歌三日兩夜 HK\$2,590 起

香港航空 香港◊廈門來回機票

凱歌平日 2 x 18 洞果嶺費、球僮、球車 (二人用)、衣櫃

球會酒店住宿 (兩人一房)

天天早餐

機場 ◊ 球會接送

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凱歌 + 東方三日兩夜 HK\$2,990 起

香港航空 香港◊廈門來回機票

凱歌平日 18 洞果嶺費、球僮、球車 (二人用)、衣櫃

東方平日 18 洞果嶺費、球僮、球車 (二人用)、衣櫃

兩晚酒店住宿 (兩人一房)

天天早餐

機場 ◊ 酒店 ◊ 球會接送

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Golfing in China

Monthly Highlight



THE PLACE	THE DEAL	THE PLACE	THE DEAL
Lijiang(Jade Dragon & Ancient City Golf Club)Golf Package 麗江高球行	  4 days 3 nights: HK\$4,990 up (ZH) HK\$5,780 (KA) HK or Shenzhen <> Lijiang roundtrip Ticket by KA / ZH, 3 nights stay at 5 stars Treasure Harbour Hotel (Twin share) Daily Breakfast Jade Dragon 玉龍雪山 18 holes green fee, caddie, shared cart, locker fee. Ancient City 古城 18 holes green fee, Caddie, shared cart, locker fee. 3 x half day local tour admission fee, transport and guide fee. Airport <> Hotel <> Club Transfer	Hainan Haikou Deluxe Golf Package 海口豪華高球行	 3 day 2 nights: HK\$ 2,950 HK <> Haikou roundtrip Ticket by HX 2 nights at 5 stars beachside New State Hotel (Twin share) Daily Breakfast, West Cost GC 西海岸 18 holes green fee, Caddie, locker Meishi Mayflower GC 美視 18 holes green Fee, Caddie, locker Airport <> Hotel <> Club Transfer
KunMing Special City Golf Package 昆明春城高球行	 3 day 2 nights: HK\$ 4,380 (KA) HK\$ 4,090 (HX) HK <> Kunming roundtrip Ticket 2 night club hotel or resort (Twin share) Daily Breakfast, 1 set dinner 2 x 18 holes green fee, caddie, shared buggy Airport <> Club Transfer	Guilin Merryland Golf Resort Package 桂林樂滿地高球行	 3 days 2 nights: HK\$2,790 HK <> Guilin roundtrip Ticket by KA 2 nights at 5 stars Golf Resort (Twin share) Daily breakfast 2 Lunches at club 2 days UNLIMITED green fee Airport <> Club Transfer
XiaMen Golf Package 廈門高球行	 3 day 2 nights: HK\$ 2,880 HK <> Xiamen roundtrip Ticket by KA 2 nights 4 stars Citic Hotel Room(Twin share) Daily Breakfast, Kai Kou 18 green fee, locker, share caddie & Cart Orient 18 green fee, locker, share caddie & Cart	Shanghai Lake Malaren Golf Resort Package 上海美蘭湖高球行	 3 days 2 nights: HK\$ 3,380 HK<> Shanghai roundtrip Ticket by FM 2 nights at 5 stars Club Resort (Twin share) Daily breakfast 2x18 holes green fee, caddie shared Cart, locker
Hainan Sanya Golf Package 三亞高球行	 3 day 2 nights: HK\$3,080 up HK <> Sanya roundtrip Ticket by KA 2 nights hotel of your choice (Twin share) Daily breakfast (Selected hotel only) Yalong Bay GC 亞龍灣 18 holes green fee Sun Valley GC 紅峽谷 18 holes green fee	Hainan Boao Vacation 博鳌高球行	 3 days 2 nights: HK\$ 3,160 HK <> Hai Kou roundtrip Ticket by HX 2 nights accommodation at Sofitel Boao Hotel (Twin share) Daily breakfast One round of Boao country club green fee One round of BFA golf club green fee Airport <> Hotel <> Club Transfer

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AGE

☐ <26 years old ☐ 26-35 years old
☐ 36-45 ☐ >45

MARITAL STATUS

☐ Single ☐ Married

EDUCATION LEVEL

☐ High School Graduate
☐ University Graduate
☐ Masters
☐ Doctorate
☐ Others, Please explain _____

ANNUAL PERSONAL INCOME

☐ Under HK\$300,000
☐ HK\$300,000 – 600,000
☐ HK\$600,001 – 1,000,000
☐ Over HK\$1,000,000

POSITION HELD

☐ Business Owner ☐ Management
☐ Executive ☐ Professional
☐ Self Employed
☐ Others, Please explain _____

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☐ Golf Apparels
☐ Golf Instructions
☐ Others, Please explain _____

GOLFING HABITS

Do you own or rent golf club membership?

☐ Own ☐ Rent ☐ No

How often do you play?

☐ Once a month or less
☐ 2-5 times a month
☐ >5 times a month

How often do you buy new Clubs?

☐ > 2 years ☐ 1-2 years
☐ 6 months – 1 year ☐ <6 months

How often do you buy new Balls?

☐ >6 months ☐ 3-6 months
☐ 1-3 months ☐ <1 month

Apparel

☐ >6 months ☐ 3-6 months
☐ 1-3 months ☐ <1 month

TRAVEL

Number of International trips taken per year(for leisure & business)?

☐ 1-5 times ☐ 6 -10 times
☐ >10 times

Class Flown (for leisure):

☐ First Class
☐ Business Class
☐ Economy Class

Hotel Accommodation:

☐ 5-Star ☐ 4-Star
☐ Depend on price

Countries visited in the past 12 months:

☐ Mainland China
☐ Rest of Asia
☐ Europe
☐ North America
☐ Africa / Middle East
☐ Australia / New Zealand

LIFESTYLE

AUTOMOBILE

Do you own a car?

☐ Yes, If Yes (1 / more than 1)

If no, do you plan to buy one?

☐ Yes ☐ No

INVESTMENTS

Do you invest in:

☐ Shares / Securities / Bonds
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性別

☐ 男

☐ 女

年齡

☐ 26歲以下

☐ 26-35歲

☐ 35-45歲

☐ 45歲以上

婚姻狀況

☐ 單身

☐ 已婚

教育程度

☐ 中學

☐ 大學

☐ 碩士

☐ 博士

☐ 其他，請註明 _____

每年入息

☐ 港幣 30 萬以下

☐ 港幣 30-60 萬

☐ 港幣 60-100 萬

☐ 港幣 100 萬以上

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☐ 僱主

☐ 管理

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☐ 專業工作

☐ 自僱

☐ 其他，請註明 _____

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閣下從哪裡得到本刊?

☐ 練習場

☐ 球會

☐ 私人會所

☐ 餐廳 / 酒吧

☐ 郵寄

閣下會閱覽本刊?

☐ 8 成以上

☐ 5 成以上

☐ 少於 5 成

閣下會否與人共閱本刊?

☐ 會

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☐ 其他，請註明 _____

打球習慣

閣下有沒有高爾夫球會籍?

☐ 租

☐ 買

☐ 沒有

閣下打球的次數?

☐ 每月一次或少於一次

☐ 每月 2-5 次

☐ 每月多於 5 次

閣下隔多久買一次球杆?

☐ 多於 2 年一次

☐ 1-2 年

☐ 6 個月至 1 年一次

☐ 少於 6 個月一次

閣下隔多久買一次高爾夫球?

☐ 多於 6 個月一次

☐ 3-6 個月一次

☐ 1-3 個月一次

☐ 少於 1 個月一次

閣下隔多久買一次高爾夫球衣

☐ 多於 6 個月一次

☐ 3-6 個月一次

☐ 1-3 個月一次

☐ 少於 1 個月一次

旅行習慣

閣下每年會出國多少次?

(包括旅行及公幹)

☐ 1-5 次

☐ 6-10 次

☐ 多於 10 次

過去一年到過的地點

☐ 中國大陸

☐ 亞洲地區

☐ 歐洲

☐ 北美

☐ 非洲 / 中東

☐ 澳洲 / 紐西蘭

生活習慣

閣下的汽車

☐ 1 / 1 部以上

☐ 沒有

閣下的投資:

☐ 股票

☐ 證券

☐ 債券

☐ 基金

☐ 信託基金 / 物業

☐ 其他，請註明 _____

Golfing in Guangdong

Monthly Highlight



THE PLACE

THE DEAL

Nansha Golf Club 南沙高爾夫球會

Daytrip

Weekday HK\$870 / Weekend HK\$1,250
18 holes green fee, caddie, locker, lunch,
Pier <-> Club Transfer,
HK <-> Nansha ferry ticket

2 Days

Weekday HK\$1,420 / Weekday + Weekend
HK\$1,720 / Weekend HK\$2,020
2 x 18 holes green fee, caddie, locker,
breakfast, Club Resort (Twin share),
Pier <-> Club Transfer,
HK <-> Nansha ferry ticket



Orient Golf Club, Macau 澳門(東方)高爾夫球會

Weekday HK\$1,550 / Weekend HK\$2,370
18 holes green fee, caddie, shared cart, locker
* Lunch included on weekend



Lakewood Golf Club Zhuhai 翠湖高爾夫球會

Weekday HK\$880 / Weekend HK\$1,270
18 holes green fee, caddie, lunch,
HK <-> Zhuhai ferry ticket
* Pier <-> Club roundtrip Shuttle
available at HK\$55 per person.



Firestone Golf Club, Shenzhen 光明高爾夫球會

Weekday HK\$580 / Weekend HK\$960
18 holes green fee, caddie, shared cart & locker
* Set lunch included on Tuesday & Wednesday



Yinli Foreign Investor Golf Club 銀利外商高爾夫俱樂部

Weekday HK\$670 / Weekend HK\$1,080
18 holes green fee, shared caddie & cart,
locker, set lunch,
Huanggang <-> Club Shuttle
* Complimentary breakfast served on
Saturday & Sunday before 10:00



Long Island Golf Club, Dongguan 東莞長安高爾夫球會

Weekdays 2 days special HK\$1,610
2 x 18 holes green fee, shared caddie & cart,
locker, breakfast, One set lunch, Club Resort
(Twin share)
* HK <-> Club shuttle is available at
HK\$143 per person



THE PLACE

THE DEAL

Lotus Hill Golf Club 蓮花山高爾夫球會

Daytrip

Weekday HK\$1,000 / Weekend HK\$1,550
18 holes green fee, caddie, locker, lunch,
Pier <-> Club Transfer,
HK <-> Lotus Hill ferry ticket

2 Days

Weekday HK\$1,740 /
Weekday + Weekend HK\$2,280 /
Weekend HK\$2,710
2 x 18 holes green fee, caddie, locker,
breakfast, lunch, Club Resort (Twin share),
Pier <-> Club Transfer,
HK <-> Lotus Hill ferry ticket



Lake Front Golf Resort, Huizhou 湖景高爾夫渡假村

Weekend HK\$860
18 holes green fee, shared caddie & cart, locker,
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A Quick 18: STEVEN LAM

Interview by Alex Jenkins

This month we catch up with 15-year-old Steven Lam Tsz-fung, arguably the most talented amateur golfer in Hong Kong today. Already playing off scratch, the highly promising (and somewhat cheeky) teen has represented the SAR in men's team events on numerous occasions over the past two years and enjoyed a breakthrough victory at the Men's Macau Amateur Open Championship last September.

AGE: How did you get into golf?

SL: I was 7½. My parents played golf and they sent me off to get some coaching at Kau Sai Chau. All their friends would play too and their children would go to Kau Sai Chau for coaching as well. I'm glad they did.

AGE: Favourite course in Asia?

SL: Palm Hills in Thailand, because the condition of the course is very, very good and it's a beautiful place. The greens are really fast and I remember playing there one time and having a couple of putts that went past the hole and actually rolled off the green. – that was how quick they were.

AGE: Favourite Course in Hong Kong?

SL: The New Course at Fanling. I always seem to play well there. That's the reason I like it so much [laughs].

AGE: Favourite professional golfer?

SL: Adam Scott. He looks good when he plays and his swing is just great. It's pretty much perfect. He's got great rhythm.

AGE: If you could play any course in the world tomorrow, which course would it be?

SL: The Old Course at St. Andrews, because it was the first one in the world and it's still one of the best. I haven't played there yet though.

AGE: What are your strengths and weaknesses?

SL: My iron play is probably my biggest strength. I need to improve from the bunkers though.

AGE: What do you want to achieve as a golfer?

SL: Hmm...I don't know. Beat Tiger [laughs]? To become Asian number one would be pretty good, wouldn't it?

AGE: What's your biggest achievement in golf so far?

SL: Playing in the World Amateur Team Championship (Eisenhower Trophy) in South Africa last year. *[Editor's Note: Steven, aged 14 at the*

time, was Hong Kong's best performer in South Africa, finishing comfortably inside the top 100 players in the individual event.]

AGE: What has been your biggest golfing disappointment?

SL: At the Junior World Championship three years ago. I shot 9-over-par in the first round and 4-over in the second. I was so disappointed because I shot 5-under in the practice round and had been playing really well. I just felt so nervous on the first tee. I did better this year, finishing tied 16th in my age division.

AGE: How often do you play?

SL: Waah, because of school it's only been once a month. In fact, I've only played once since the UBS Hong Kong Open qualifier, which was at the beginning of November. I'm doing exams at the moment, so it's really difficult to get time to play. Normally, I'll play and practice twice a week.

Steven's bag

Driver: Titleist 907 D2 with Diamana shaft (stiff)
Fairway Woods: Titleist 904 3 & 5 with Fujikura Speeder shafts (stiff)
Irons: Titleist 695CB 3-PW with NS Pro 950 shafts (stiff)
Wedges: Titleist Vokey Spin Milled 52° & 58°
Putter: Scotty Cameron Newport 1.5
Ball: Titleist Pro V1



Wunderkind (clockwise from above): with Adam Groom at the 2005 UBS Hong Kong Open; in full swing; with national junior coach Brad Schadewitz and Fanling professional Iain Roberts.



AGE: If you could change a rule in golf, what would it be?

SL: Ban all penalty strokes [laughs].

AGE: Have you ever broken a golf club in anger?

SL: Yes, but only once. It was in Thailand. Actually, it was at Palm Hills, my favourite course [laughs]. I hit a great shot to about two feet and then missed my birdie putt. But that's not all. Because the green was so fast the ball rolled off the green and nearly into a bunker. From only two feet away! I threw putter to the ground and it broke. I don't do that anymore.

AGE: When did you last break a rule?

SL: I played a wrong ball from the rough. Again, this was in Thailand around 3 years ago. I didn't realize until I marked it on the green.

AGE: Out of all the major championships, which would you like to win most?

SL: The Masters.

AGE: Who would be in your dream Fourball?

SL: Alex Jenkins [hysterical laughter]. Me, Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, and I'd get Adam Scott to replace you.

AGE: Apart from golf, what else do you do in your free time?

SL: Soccer and basketball.

AGE: Are you a good student?

SL: Ok lah. Not bad. History and business are my favourites. Science is easily my worst.

AGE: Favourite Food?

SL: Vanilla ice cream.

AGE: Got a girlfriend then, Steven?

SL: No comment. **AGE**



作者簡介：張錦滿，1980年代加入出版界，開始看“香港公開賽”到中山溫泉球會和深圳球會開幕時，正式寫高爾夫文字，維持至今，分別在各類高檔報刊發表。2002年5月創辦「高爾夫傳媒協會」並擔任會長至今。

花費少 效益多 中國應爭取舉辦 “Lexus Cup”

文：張錦滿

最近第三屆“Lexus Cup”比賽由新加坡搬到澳洲Perth舉行，並據悉會在那裡繼續舉行多兩屆。中國不去爭取主辦這場最高層次的女子隊際比賽，實在十分可惜。

“Lexus Cup”是場集合美國LPGA（美國女子巡迴賽）中堅份子的賽事，既精彩、又具推廣經濟、文化、女子高球等各種意義，而衍生的各種利益又會是意想不到的多，對各方都有好處。該場世界級女子賽事，花錢並不多，獎金只是96萬美元，“OMEGA Mission Hills 世界盃”提供的獎金是500萬美元，所以總體花費不出500萬美元。能用如此低的花費便引起國際關注和產生國際性影響力，實在化算，並可說是近乎超值。

首先讓大家理解“Lexus Cup”是甚麼回事。須

知道今天美國女子巡迴賽，齊集全世界精英。換句話說，只有在美國賽場上，才可能看到世界女子高手比賽，而在美國以外地方，則很難看到那群精銳球員。雖然今天美國LPGA也會在法國、韓國、日本舉行比賽，而獎金也定得很高，但並不一定吸引所有高手參賽。“Lexus Cup”便是為彌補這個缺陷而設立的，它吸引美國LPGA所有優秀球員到亞太地區比賽。現在“Lexus Cup”其實也屬於美國LPGA（美國女子巡迴賽）季尾其中一項賽事，說明美國LPGA也同意旗下球員到亞太地區球場出戰。

為了要具備大賽的對抗氣氛，於是以民族隊際方式來比賽便會是最適當做法。

可是在季尾時候要求歐美球員長途跋涉到亞太地方比賽，雖然氣候溫暖，但仍然有困難，所以要湊合歐洲和美國兩方球員才能組成一枝名將如雲的球隊，命名為國際隊（Team International）。

近年在美國LPGA巡迴賽中，韓國球員有近三十人，實力都十分堅強，常在比賽中名列前茅，光是她們自組一隊，其實已有足夠實力與歐美球員合成的國際隊對抗。不過，為了不想讓韓國球員顯得太霸道，也為了亞洲隊具有國際吸引力，韓國球員也要與其他亞洲地方例如台灣、日本的球員合組成亞洲隊（Team Asia），這樣便有亞洲更多高球迷支持，而與國際隊對抗也比較名正言順。

2005年韓國強悍的球員還未算多，所以國際隊輕鬆得勝意料中事。到2006年，韓國更秀球員湧現，以她們為主力的亞洲隊，能夠打敗陣容不齊的國際隊，實屬合理。到2007年第三屆，韓國強手更多更齊，她們9人入選亞洲隊，結果這支泡菜兵團變身的亞洲隊以15比9頗大的差距連續第二年贏“Lexus Cup”。

再加上挑選的兩位台灣、一位日本球員，再下一城亦早可以預計得到。

“Lexus Cup”過去兩屆在新加坡舉行，今年改在澳洲Perth（柏斯）舉行。從美國到澳洲路程遙遠，所以今年美國LPGA獎金榜上第1名墨西哥Lorena Ochoa和第3名美國玉女Paula Creamer缺陣，都不肯長途跋涉去打獎金只有96萬美元的隊際賽事，完全可以理解。她們辛苦大半年，在12月便要爭取休息時間，與家人團聚最重要。由於少了這兩位猛將，國際隊敗給亞洲隊並非意外。

今屆值得一提的是，由於亞洲隊從Rolex Ranking和從獎金榜兩個類別中選的8位球員都是韓國球手，所以贊助商和隊長各挑選的兩個名額一定要包含亞洲其他地方的球員來平衡一下，否則亞洲隊便成韓國國家隊了。台灣球員今次很幸運，有兩

位球員可進入亞洲隊隊中。亞洲隊隊長朴世莉（Se-ri Pak）挑選了台灣球員洪沁慧（Amy Hung）和另一位韓國球員 Meena Lee，而贊助商則挑選了過去兩屆都有到新加坡參加比賽而成績穩定的龔怡萍（Candie Kung）和一位在日本排名第 25 位的上彩靜子（Ayako Uehara）進隊中。

我們不妨留意，亞洲隊中兩位最後被挑選的台灣球員都表現良好，不負贊助商和隊長所托。贊助商挑選的龔怡萍和日本上彩靜子組成一對，兩人合作第一天打 4 人 2 球賽，竟然贏了強敵 Sorenstam 和 Catriona Mathew；而在第二天打 4 人 4 球賽，則合作與 Pressel（獎金榜排名第 9）和 Prammanasudh（獎金榜排名第 14）打成平手，取得半分。到第三天單打賽事，龔怡萍敗給 Sorenstam，而上彩靜子則再遇與蘇格蘭 Catriona Mathew，兩人打成平手。龔怡萍打 3 天，取得 1.5 分，有所交待。

至於亞洲隊長挑選的洪沁慧（Amy Hung），她則與 2006 年《東方中國女子公開賽》冠軍韓國申智愛（Ji-yai Shin）搭檔。她們在第一天打 4 人 2 球賽碰著 Maria Hjorth（美國獎金榜排第 11 位）和 Brittany Lincicome（獎金榜排第 13 位），贏 4 & 2（勝

4 洞免打 2 洞）；第二天打 4 人 4 球賽，四人再碰頭，台灣和韓國的搭檔又贏 2 & 1（勝 2 洞免打 1 洞）。至於第三天單打賽事，洪沁慧碰著巴西韓裔的 Angel Park 而輸了，而申智愛則與強敵 Gulbis 打平。洪沁慧在 3 天中贏兩場，很有貢獻。

台灣球員龔怡萍和洪沁慧今屆表現不俗，為華人球員的國際地位打下基礎。2008 年“Lexus Cup”舉行的話，華人球員入選亞洲隊的機會大有增加可能。在 2008 年，美國 LPGA 會多了 2 位華人球員（曾雅妮、馮珊珊）參戰，她們都是經過艱苦的 Q-school（資格賽）而獲得出賽資格。另外，在日本巡迴賽方面，中國球員張娜在 2007 年贏過 4 場，在日本排名第 5 位。她亦很有機會被贊助商挑選入亞洲隊中。如果“Lexus Cup”在中國舉行的話，張娜和馮珊珊代表亞洲與當今歐美最佳球員對抗便是必然的了。

“OMEGA Mission Hills 世界杯”在中國舉行成功，在經濟和促進高爾夫等多方面產生很大的效益，而在中國舉行“Lexus Cup”的話，也會有類似的情況出現。希望中國有關單位連同熱心人士好好爭取把這場世界重要女子隊際賽事帶到中國來。AGE

2007 年，亞洲隊連續第二年贏得第三屆“Lexus Cup”



泰國旅遊局業餘隊際錦賽

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由泰國旅遊局首次主辦之泰國旅遊局業餘隊際錦標賽，近百名參加的高球愛好者在歡笑聲中享受了四天愉快高球假期後，於十二月十六日返抵香港

在泰國旅遊局大力宣傳下，位於泰國北部的清邁已逐漸成為香港人往泰國旅遊的另一個熱點，而每年十二月至二月份是最佳旅遊季節，泰國旅遊局為讓各位真正體驗泰國傳統，首次親自籌辦了泰國旅遊局業餘隊際錦標賽 - 清邁站，使大家享受一個難忘的假期。

經過兩個多月的悉心安排下，這前所未有的行程，吸引了近百名高球愛好者參加。在十二月十三日下午一時十五分乘搭香港快運直航前往泰北首府 - 清邁，於當地時間下午三時許便飛抵清邁國際機場。雖然人數眾多，但旅遊局都使整團參加者迅速地登上三部預先安排好的豪華旅遊專車前往是次賽事的指定酒店 - 清邁

假日酒店辦理入住手續。

晚上泰國旅遊局邀請所有團友到另一家五星級的清邁索菲特酒店晚宴，在清涼的天氣下，自助晚宴刻意地安排在酒店河畔的草地上，大家享受地道的泰國美食，席間泰國旅遊局更安排了泰北民族表演，令整晚氣氛既熱鬧又舒暢。

次天行程安排各球員作熱身練習，分別到 Mae Jo Golf Club 及 Chiang Mai Highlands Golf & Spa Resort 暢打十八洞高球。下午各團友在返抵酒店後自由活動。而當天晚餐雖然並沒有特別安排，但泰國旅遊局細心地提供幾間不同的餐廳讓大家自由選擇並安排專車接送，方便一些不太熟識清邁的團友，可算是無微不至。



頒獎晚宴上，泰國旅遊局安排泰北民族精彩舞蹈表演

有些前往熱鬧的 Good View Bar & Restaurant，享用美酒佳餚之餘，又欣賞樂隊現場演奏，而部份朋友則到中泰海鮮餐廳，品嚐泰國地道海鮮，不過最受歡迎是當地一家高檔法國餐廳 - La Crystal，

近百名參加賽球員在比賽前與泰國旅遊局香港辦事處處長蘇拉南先生合照





有清邁果園球場之稱的
Mae Jo Golf Club

各團友被安排在河畔的露台位置用餐，在清新又涼快的空氣下享受一頓美味的正宗法國菜，真是這旅程中的意外收穫。

到了第三天的星期六早上，大家在酒店用過早餐後，便啟程前往 **Royal Chiang Mai Golf Resort** 進行十八洞的泰國旅遊局業餘隊際錦標賽。抵達球會後大家都很高興獲得由泰國旅遊局送贈一件特別為這賽事訂做的高爾夫運動恤。在賽事展開前大家與泰國旅遊局香港辦事處處長蘇拉南先生(Khun Chalemsak Suranant)來一張大合照，場面非常熱鬧，這時大家都已經迫不及待跳上球車準備開始比賽。由於是清邁的最佳旅遊季節，所以氣溫非常舒適，雖然是中午時份但溫度只有攝氏二十二度左右，而且又陽光普照，是打高爾夫的最佳天氣。

經過一輪惡鬥後，在下午四時半左右大家都完成賽事，到更衣室梳洗過後，便輕鬆地開始享用由泰國旅遊局為大家安排的自助晚餐。而球會的老闆 - **Khun Varin Pulsirivong** 也都跑出來跟大家打打招呼。經過仔細的計算賽果後，



各得獎球員在頒獎禮後合照

各獎項得主亦都誕生，頒獎隨即開始。而泰國旅遊局設計了特別的頒獎安排，就是每頒一獎項後便來一個表演節目，令整夜氣氛都保持高漲。而來自一班港商組成的虎威高爾夫

球隊，幾乎包辦了大部份獎項，當然這次隊際錦標賽總冠軍也由他們的代表奪得，可說是滿載而歸。

在大家都以為曲終人散之際，餐廳對開的草坪上突然砰的一聲放起煙花，原來這是整夜節目的戲肉，泰國旅遊局已為大家準備了百個孔明燈，讓大家在二〇〇七年底把所有不吉利的東西都隨著孔明燈放走。而各團友都非常開心有機會親自放孔明燈，其中很多都說這是他們的第一次經

驗。百隻孔明燈升空隨風而去的壯觀景象真是難得一見。

轉眼間便到行程的最後一天，由於返港航班在下午五時二十分起飛，所以安排了大家大清早用過早餐後便辦好退房手續，隨即依各團友的選擇，兵分四路往 **Mae Jo Golf Club**，**Chiang Mai Golf Resort**，**Chiang Mai Lumphun Golf Club** 及 **Gassan Khuntan Golf Resort** 暢打高球，大家在球會午餐後便駒車往機場。不過途中都不約而同地在機場旁的 **Central Airport Plaza** 碰面，因為距離登機還有些時間，所以各團友便爭取最後機會買些手信。

在回程的機上，大家議論論著這次旅程且感到耳猶未盡，認為沒有參與這賽事是一大損失，更不斷追問隨行的蘇拉南處長下一站賽事的時間表，並嚷著要組成更強隊伍爭奪冠軍寶座。而泰國旅遊局處長表示會盡快籌備下一站賽事，好讓大家可以充分時間組隊參加，而處長對這次賽事深表滿意。AGE



頒獎晚宴後，各球員在球會草坪上放孔明燈，送舊迎新，祝願來年事事順景



Largent & Law **TOP 007 STANDINGS**

Duo's consistent play earn inaugural titles

The inaugural Golf 007 Championship Tour reached a thrilling climax last month, with David Largent and Norman Law Chi-ming each picking up the 'Player of the Year' award following narrow victories in the Gross and Net divisions respectively.

The battle for the Order of Merit, which was played over ten different courses in Guangdong and Hong Kong, came down to the wire at Huizhou Golf Resort, venue for the second major of the year, with a number of contenders vying for the title.

In the Gross division, Largent, who has earned the moniker, "Black Bear," because of his colossal hitting and penchant for dark-coloured attire, needed to fin-

ish ahead of Ivan 'Iron Man' Leung at Huizhou to clinch the overall title. As it was, Leung played some of his best golf of the year enroute to a 3-over-par 75, which won him the round. But Largent, a 4-handicapper who has won 3 previous events on Tour, kept his nerve with a steady 77 to clinch third place, gaining enough points to edge out Leung for the coveted Player of the Year title.

"One of my personal objectives as an amateur golfer is to play in organized competitions," said Largent, who won numerous long drive competitions during the course of the championship. "The Golf007 competition, the friendships, the competition, and the golf courses we



played throughout the year were great and I feel lucky to have been the last one standing. Golf007 did a great job in providing the opportunity for amateur golfers to come together on a regular basis and I look forward to the 2008 season."

It was even tighter in the Net Division as Law, whose consistent form over the year impressed all those who played with him, secured a gutsy come-from-behind victory following an outstanding final round at Huizhou. Beginning the day some way adrift of long time Tour leader Vincent Li, Law fired a gross score of 76 (net 70) to bag 190 points for his second place finish, which proved to be just enough as Li stumbled, picking up only 15 points in the final round. Law's winning margin of just 21.9 points highlights how close it really was.

For more information on the Golf007 Tour Championship visit www.golf007.com/society/league/1st/championship_tour_en.html



Golf007 業餘巡迴冠軍賽 2007

由 Golf007 舉辦的業餘巡迴冠軍賽 2007 已經閉幕，此賽事於 2007 年間共有十站，每站在廣東省內不同球會舉行，賽制為比杆賽，分為總杆組及淨杆組，淨杆組由球手自報差點，再由評委會審核，將其實際成績減去差點後得出淨杆成績；球手根據其每場的排名，獲得分數，每站均設總、淨杆冠軍，此外，累積全年得分，最高分者獲總、淨杆年度冠軍。

淨杆組之爭，年初時戰況混亂，當中以 Vincent Li, Law Chi Ming, Bonton Pang 等表現較為穩定，Vincent Li 以其穩打穩扎技術，一直雄踞榜首，Law Chi Ming 則緊隨其尾，直至最第九回，Vincent Li 仍稍微領先，可惜在終極第十回，Vincent Li 馬有失蹄，終被 Law Chi Ming 從後趕上，戲劇性地險勝廿多分，拿下年度淨杆總冠軍。

總杆之爭亦不遑多讓，戰況異常激烈，大熱門為 Alex Jenkins, Ivan Leung, Graeme Smith, David Largent，Alex Jenkins 本是大熱中之大熱，連奪兩站冠軍，可惜因公務繁忙，錯過了多場比賽，無法爭雄，另一冠軍級人馬 Graeme Smith，多次打出不錯的七十多杆成績，

欲每次都差一點點運氣與冠軍之銜擦身而過，表現最穩定要算是“黑熊”David Largent（因其魁梧身型及經常穿黑服飾）及 Ivan Leung “鐵人”（其鐵一般的意志及身手令人羨慕），兩人均奪三站冠軍，分數一直爭持不下，關鍵於第九站，Ivan Leung 於主場滯西洲成績強差人意，雖然於第十站打出驕人成績 75 杆再奪冠軍，可惜返魂乏術，以極微之差距 55.7 分落敗，David Largent 榮登年度總杆冠軍。

雖然冠軍只得兩個，但整個賽事過程中，相信每位球手於競技中除感受到比賽中的刺激，亦獲益良多，看著自己球技的提升同時亦看著排名的晉升，確實是磨練球技的好機會，當中最突出者肯定是 Andrew Cheong，得良師指點，不斷努力練習下，一直成績平平的他，終在第七站打出總杆 73 杆好成績，奪得該站冠軍，可喜可賀。

緊接下來將會是 2008 年度賽，新年度將會增設女子組每站總淨杆冠軍與及年度總淨杆冠軍，讓女球手爭奪女球王之美譽，開幕戰將於 2008 年 1 月舉行，此站更得到 Taylormade 支持和贊助，詳情請密切留意 www.golf007.com。AGE

Golf 007 Championship Tour Results

Gross Division

1.	David Largent	1293.7
2.	Ivan Leung	1238
3.	Norman Law Chi-ming	1036.2
4.	Graeme Smith	637
5.	Alex Jenkins	485
6.	Jeremy Choi	455.7
7.	Lau Ka-yui	363
8.	Thomas Lam	344
9.	Andrew Cheong	341
10.	Andrew Kam	277.5

Net Division

1.	Norman Law Chi-ming	677
2.	Vincent Li	655.1
3.	David Largent	566
4.	Ivan Leung	470.9
5.	Bonton Pang	461.9
6.	Lok Wai-king	381.2
7.	Andrew Cheong	380.3
8.	Anson Lee	366.6
9.	Vincent Chow	363.7
10.	Thomas Lam	349.2

Champions' Bags

David Largent

Driver:	Titleist 907D1 w/Proforce V2 stiff
3-wood:	Titleist 904F w/Speeder stiff
Irons:	Mizuno MP-60 w/S300
Wedges:	Callaway X 52° and 60°, Solus Golf 56°
Putter:	Yes! Golf Abbie Forged
Ball:	Titleist Pro V1x

Law Chi-ming

Driver:	TaylorMade R7 Quad TP w/Speeder stiff
3-wood:	TaylorMade V-Steel w/NSPRO 950FW stiff
Hybrids:	TaylorMade Rescue Dual 19° and 25° w/NSPRO 950FW regular
Irons:	Mizuno MP-30 w/NSPRO 950GH regular
Wedges:	Titleist Vokey 200 52°, 56° and 60°
Putter:	Odyssey White Steel 2-Ball Blade
Ball:	Titleist Pro V1



Player of the Year (Gross):
David Largent (Left)

年度總杆積分冠軍：
David Largent (左)

Player of the Year (Net):
Law Chi-ming (Right)

年度淨杆積分冠軍：
Law Chi-ming (右)



One to watch:
Khan in action;
winners with Faldo [inset].

Khan Cruises to Faldo Series Triumph

Talented Indian Earns Volvo Masters Berth

Photo: Richard Castka/Sportpix International

tremely exciting. Last night Nick told us to be positive today and play with a smile on our faces and that is exactly what I did. I have never played so well."

As well as collecting the Faldo Series Asia trophy from Nick Faldo, Khan also receives an invitation to the European grand final of the Faldo Series 2008, valuable R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking points and, courtesy of the Asian Tour, a place in the Volvo Masters Asia 2008 and a scholarship to stage one of Asian Tour Qualifying School.

As the leading girl, Lin Tzu-chi of Chinese Taipei will be offered a start in a flagship event on the 2008 Ladies European Tour. The 17-year-old Lin carded a two-over-par 74 to finish on 218, one shot ahead of her compatriot and defending girls' champion Hsieh Yu-ling, 15.

Faldo said: "I would like to congratulate Rashid on becoming a worthy champion of the Faldo Series Asia 2007. He beat a field here at Mission Hills that contained a lot of impressive players, all of whom I enjoyed watching in action as well as spending time with off the course."

The six-time Major winner added: "I hope the competitors have learned a few things this week about the game and about themselves that will help them in their development as golfers; equally I hope the younger kids who came along to watch today were inspired by the experience and will one day return to play in a Faldo Series event themselves." **AGE**

For more information on the Faldo Series Asia visit www.nickfaldo.com

Rashid Khan of India was crowned Faldo Series Asia champion for 2007 at Mission Hills Golf Club last month following an outstanding final round of six-under-par 66 on the Faldo Course for a 54-hole total of 205.

The 16-year-old Delhi native stormed to victory with a four-under-par back nine of 31, which included an eagle two on the 15th and a birdie two immediately after on the 16th. He finished five ahead of joint runners up Chan Shih-chang, 21, the overnight leader from Chinese Taipei who carded a level-par 72, and another Indian Rahul Bakshi, 17, who raced up the leader-board with a final round 63, a new course record. Martin Liu was Hong Kong's best placed player, finishing in a highly credible tie for fourth on a score of 2-under 214.

Khan commented after his round: "I am absolutely delighted to win and to do it with Nick Faldo watching is ex-



LEADERBOARD

1.	Rashid Khan	India	205 (70-69-66)
2.	Chan Shih-chang	Taiwan	210 (70-68-72)
	Rahul Bakshi	India	210 (79-68-63)
4.	Martin Liu	Hong Kong	214 (73-70-71)
	Hung Chung-kang	Taiwan	214 (71-69-74)
6.	Jack Clarke	England	216 (77-74-65)
17.	Jimmy Ko	Hong Kong	226 (80-73-73)
21.	Vilhelm Von Sydow	Hong Kong	228 (81-73-74)

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THE PLACE	THE DEAL	THE PLACE	THE DEAL
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Ho Chi Minh (胡志明) 4 Days 3 Nights HK\$3,980 / RMB3,700 up		Nexus Resort(沙巴) 3 Days 2 Nights Package HK\$4,280 / RMB3,980 up	<p>Round trip economy class ticket on Dragonair 2 night stay at Nexus Resort Ocean Wing Room (Twin share) Daily Breakfast 2 rounds Karambunai Golf Club green + buggy Roundtrip transfer between airport and hotel (Seat in coach)</p>

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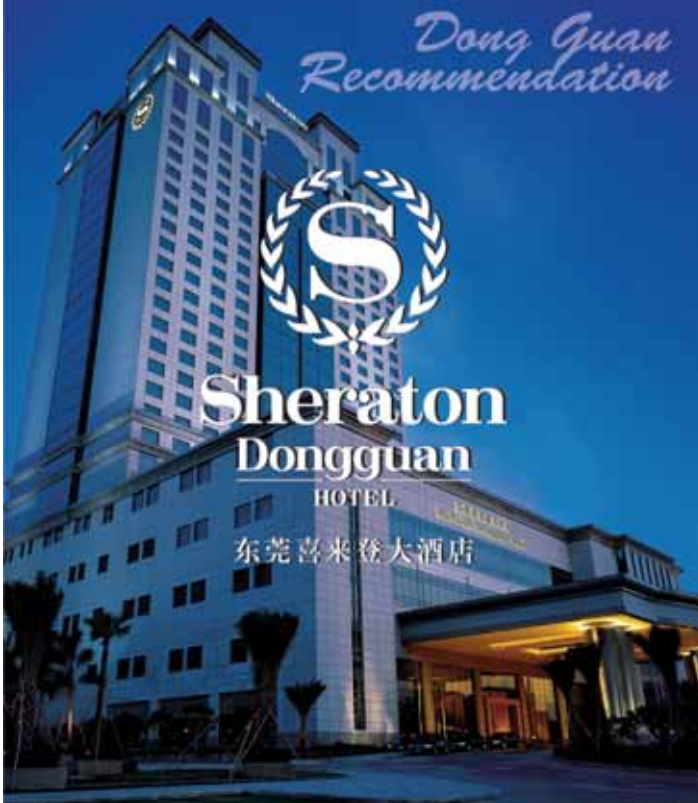


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New Year

China Golfing by Air 中國

文昌
三天兩晚
Wenchang
3 Days
2 Nights

2008年2月6-11日出發
Departure between
06-11Feb 2008
(年三十至年初五出發)

費用/Price:
HK\$3,050 起/up

費用包括:

香港航空 香港⇌海口來回機票
兩晚球會酒店園景房(兩人一房)
天天早餐
兩天無限任打果嶺費
機場⇌球會接送
旅遊議會印花稅

Package Includes:

HX HK <> Haikou Round Trip Air Ticket
2 night club resort (Twin Share)
Daily Breakfast
2 days unlimited green fee
Airport <> Club transfer
TIC Levy

福州
三天兩晚
Fuzhou
3 Days
2 Nights

2008年2月6-11日出發
Departure between
06-11Feb 2008
(年三十至年初五出發)

費用/Price:
HK\$4,780 起/up

費用包括:

香港航空 香港⇌福州來回機票
溫泉18洞果嶺費、球僮、衣櫃
海峽18洞果嶺費、球僮、衣櫃
2晚五星華美達酒店住宿(兩人一房)
天天早餐
旅遊議會印花稅

Package Includes:

HX HK <> Fuzhou Round Trip Air Ticket
Hot Spring Golf Club 18 Green fee, caddie, locker
Trans Strait Golf Club 18 Green fee, caddie, locker
5 Stars Ramada Hotel (Twin Share)
Daily Breakfast
TIC Levy

桂林山水
三天
Guilin
3 Days

2008年2月6-11日出發
Departure between
06-11Feb 2008
(年三十至年初五出發)

費用/Price:
HK\$4,520 起/up

費用包括:

香港航空 香港⇌桂林來回機票
2場山水高爾夫無限任打果嶺費
五星山水球會酒店住宿(兩人一房)
天天早餐、兩午餐、兩晚餐
機場接送
旅遊議會印花稅

Package Includes:

HX HK <> Guilin Round Trip Air Ticket
2 days Unlimited Green Fee
5 Stars Club Resort (Twin Share)
Daily Breakfast, 2 x lunches, 2 x dinners at club
Airport Transfer
TIC Levy

Golf Packages

農曆新年高球行

長線

博鰲
三天兩晚
Boao
3 Days
2 Nights

2008年2月6-11日出發
Departure between
06-11Feb 2008
(年三十至年初五出發)

費用/Price:
HK\$6,850 起/up

費用包括:

香港航空 香港⇌海口來回機票
兩晚博鰲索菲特酒店高級房住宿(兩人一房)
天天早餐
亞洲論壇18洞果嶺費
博鰲鄉村俱樂部18洞果嶺費
機場⇌球會接送
旅遊議會印花稅

Package Includes:

HX HK <> Haikou Round Trip Air Ticket
2 night 5 stars Sofitel Hotel (Twin Share)
Daily Breakfast
BFA International Golf Club 18 hole green fee
Boao Golf & Country Club 18 hole green fee
Airport <> Club transfer
TIC Levy

廈門
三天兩晚
Xiamen
3 Days
2 Nights

2008年2月6-11日出發
Departure between
06-11Feb 2008
(年三十至年初五出發)

費用/Price:
HK\$5,480 起/up

費用包括:

港龍香港⇌廈門來回機票
凱歌18洞果嶺費、球僮、球車(二人用)、衣櫃
東方18洞果嶺費、球僮、球車(二人用)、衣櫃
2晚五星喜來登酒店住宿(兩人一房)
天天早餐
旅遊議會印花稅

Package Includes:

Dragonair HK <> Xiamen Round Trip Air Ticket
Kai Kou 18 Green fee, caddie, shared cart, locker
Orient 18 Green fee, caddie, shared cart, locker
5 Stars Sheraton Hotel (Twin Share)
Daily Breakfast
TIC Levy

桂林樂滿地
三天
Guilin
3 Days

2008年2月6-11日出發
Departure between
06-11Feb 2008
(年三十至年初五出發)

費用/Price:
HK\$4,520 起/up

費用包括:

港龍香港⇌桂林來回機票
樂滿地高爾夫無限任打果嶺費
五星樂滿地酒店住宿(兩人一房)
天天早餐、兩午餐
機場接送
旅遊議會印花稅
增值服務: 免費使用健身室及室外泳池

Package Included:

Dragonair HK <> Guilin Round Trip Air Ticket
Unlimited Green Fee
5 Stars Club Resort (Twin Share)
Daily Breakfast, 2 x lunches at club
Airport Transfer
TIC Levy
Free use of fitness centre & indoor swimming pool

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New Year

Asia Golfing 東南亞

Emirates Bangkok

2008年2月4-12日出發
Departure between
04-12Feb 2008
(年二八至年初六出發)

費用/Price:
HK\$5,340 起/up

費用包括:

阿聯酋航空 香港<>曼谷 來回機票
四晚曼谷The Ecotel酒店高級房住宿(二人一房)
天天早餐
自選兩場平日18洞果嶺費用
(Lam Luk Ka Country Club / Best Ocean Golf Club
Cascata Golf Club / Suwan Golf Club / Subhapreuk Golf Club
Windsor Park Golf Club / Rose Garden Golf Club)

Package Includes:

Emirates Airways HongKong <> Bangkok Air ticket
4 nights The Ecotel superior room (Twin Share)
Daily breakfast
2 round weekday green fee
(Lam Luk Ka Country Club / Best Ocean Golf Club
Cascata Golf Club / Suwan Golf Club / Subhapreuk Golf Club
Windsor Park Golf Club / Rose Garden Golf Club)

BINTAN 民丹島

2008年2月5,6,10日出發
Departure between
05-06Feb & 10Feb 2008
(年二九、三十、年初四出發)

費用/Price:
HK\$6,370 起/up

費用包括:

國泰 香港<>新加坡 來回機票
新加坡<>民丹島來回飛翔船票
三晚五星Bintan Lagoon高級房住宿(兩人一房)
天天早餐
一場Ria Bintan Golf Club 18洞果嶺及共用球車
一場Bintan Lagoon Resort 18洞果嶺及共用球車
民丹島碼頭<>酒店來回接送
旅遊議會印花稅

Package Includes:

Cathay Pacific HK <> Singapore Roundtrip Air Ticket
Singapore <> Bintan Ferry Ticket
3 Nights 5 Stars Bintan Lagoon Resort (Twin Share)
Daily Breakfast
Ria Bintan Golf Club 18 Holes Green Fee and Shared Cart
Bintan Lagoon 18 Holes Green Fee and Shared Cart
Bintan Pier <> Resort Transfer
TIC Levy

JOHOR 新山

2008年2月6-10日出發
Departure between
06-10Feb 2008
(年三十至初四出發)

費用/Price:
HK\$5,560 起/up

費用包括:

國泰航空 香港<>新加坡 來回機票
三晚 Sofitel Palm Resort 酒店住宿(兩人一房)
天天早餐
2 x 18 洞平日果嶺費包球僮 或 球車
新加坡機場<>酒店<>球會接送*
旅遊議會印花稅

Package Includes:

Cathay Pacific HK <> Singapore Roundtrip Air Ticket
3 nights stay at Sofitel Palm Resort (Twin Share)
Daily Breakfast
2 x 18 Holes weekday green fee, caddie or shared cart
Singapore Airport <> Hotel <> Club transfer*
TIC Levy

Golf Packages

農曆新年高球行

Kota Kinabalu

2008年2月8-9日出發

Departure between
08-9Feb 2008

(年初二至初三出發)

費用/Price:

HK\$9,800 起/up

2008年2月10日出發

Departure on 10Feb 2008

(年初四出發)

費用/Price:

HK\$9,300 起/up

費用包括:

港龍航空 香港<>沙巴來回機票

四晚酒店住宿(二人一房)

天天早餐

Karambunai Golf Club 18 洞平日果嶺及球車(二人用)

Dalit Bay Golf Club 18 洞平日果嶺及球車(二人用)

機場<>酒店交通接送

旅遊協會印花稅

Package Includes:

Roundtrip economy class air ticket between HongKong /
Kota Kinabalu on Dragonair.

4 Nights hotel accommodation (Twin Share)

Daily breakfast

Karambunai Golf Club 18holes green fee & share buggy

Dalit Bay Golf Club 18holes green fee & share buggy

Roundtrip transfer between Airport & Hotel

0.3% TIC Levy

Phuket 5 Days 4 Nights

2008年2月7日出發

Departure on 07Feb 2008

(年初一出發)

費用/Price:

HK\$8,020 起/up

2008年2月8日出發

Departure on 08Feb 2008

(年初二出發)

費用/Price:

HK\$7,520 起/up

費用包括:

泰國國際航空 香港<>布吉經曼谷航班

布吉機場<>酒店交通接送

四晚布吉 South Sea Karon Resort 標準房客住宿(二人一房)

天天早餐

Laguna Phuket Golf Club 18洞果嶺費用

Phuket Country Club 18洞果嶺費用

旅遊協會印花稅

Package Includes:

Roundtrip economy class air ticket between HongKong and
Phuket via Bangkok by Thai Airways International

Roundtrip transfer between airport and hotel

4 Nights South Sea Karon Resort Standard room accommodation
(Twin Share) room with daily breakfast

Laguna Phuket Golf Club 18holes green fee

Phuket Country Club 18holes green fee

0.3% TIC Levy

TG. Bangkok 4 Days 3 Nights

2008年2月5-13日出發

Departure between

05-13Feb 2008

(年二九至初七出發)

費用/Price:

HK\$5,020 起/up

費用包括:

泰航 香港<>曼谷 來回機票

三晚酒店住宿(二人一房)

天天早餐

自選兩場18洞平日果嶺費

(Bangkok Golf Club / Best Ocean Golf Club / Cascata Golf Club /

Lamlukka Golf Club / Rose Garden / Suwan Golf Club)

香港旅遊議會印花稅

Package Included:

Thai International HK <> Bangkok Round Trip Air Ticket

3 Nights Hotel (Twin Share)

Daily Breakfast

Choice of 2 Rounds Weekdays Green Fee

(Bangkok Golf Club / Best Ocean Golf Club / Cascata Golf Club /
Lamlukka Golf Club / Rose Garden / Suwan Golf Club)

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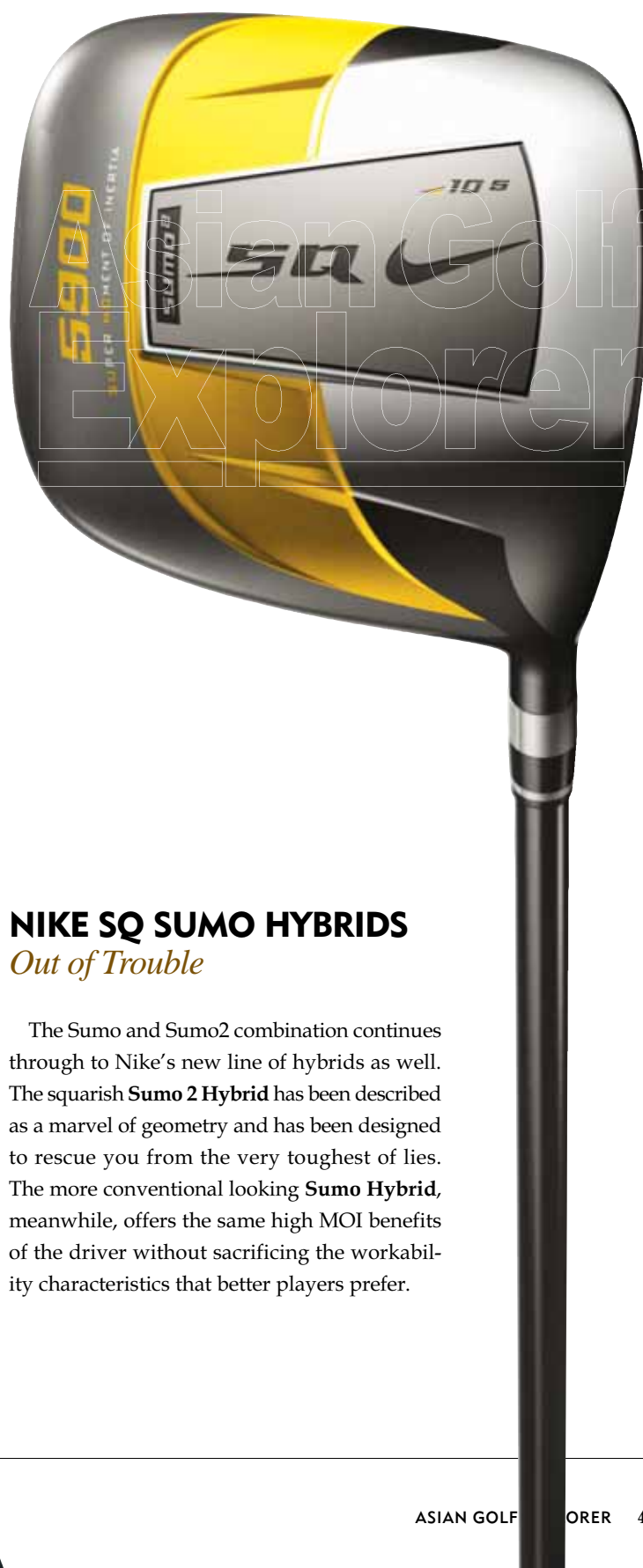
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NIKE SQ SUMO DRIVERS

Big and Brawny

You didn't even need to see the original SQ Sumo2 to know that your playing partner was wielding one; the exceptionally loud and somewhat tinny noise it made at impact could be heard from pretty much all corners of the course. Not that that was necessarily a problem: the design worked and the ball flew as straight as anything out there. But for 2008 things have changed. Nike have taken the elements of the first Sumo that worked and improved the all round package for the new year. Featuring a six-piece all titanium head, not only has the sound of the new **SQ Sumo2 5900** been dampened and the crown smoothed out for a more classical appearance, the MOI has been raised right up to the 5900g/cm² limit for the ultimate in forgiveness. For those out there who still can't get to grips with the square head, the new **SQ Sumo 5000**, with its 460cc head and sleek new lines, might well appeal.

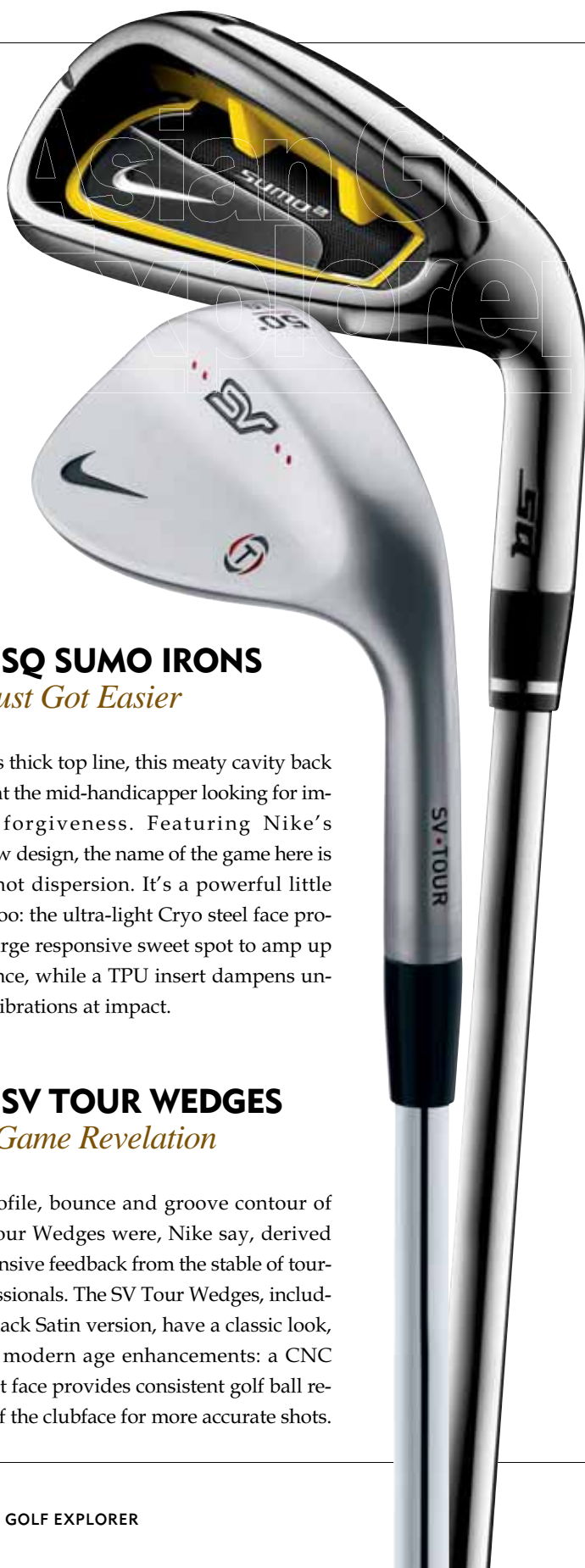


NIKE SQ SUMO HYBRIDS

Out of Trouble

The Sumo and Sumo2 combination continues through to Nike's new line of hybrids as well. The squarish **Sumo 2 Hybrid** has been described as a marvel of geometry and has been designed to rescue you from the very toughest of lies. The more conventional looking **Sumo Hybrid**, meanwhile, offers the same high MOI benefits of the driver without sacrificing the workability characteristics that better players prefer.





NIKE SQ SUMO IRONS

Golf Just Got Easier

With its thick top line, this meaty cavity back is aimed at the mid-handicapper looking for improved forgiveness. Featuring Nike's PowerBow design, the name of the game here is tighter shot dispersion. It's a powerful little blighter too: the ultra-light Cryo steel face provides a large responsive sweet spot to amp up the distance, while a TPU insert dampens unwanted vibrations at impact.

NIKE SV TOUR WEDGES

Short Game Revelation

The profile, bounce and groove contour of the SV Tour Wedges were, Nike say, derived from extensive feedback from the stable of touring professionals. The SV Tour Wedges, including the Black Satin version, have a classic look, but with modern age enhancements: a CNC milled flat face provides consistent golf ball response off the clubface for more accurate shots.

BALLS & APPAREL

NIKE

Balls for everyone

We all know that Tiger uses the **Nike One** ball, but does that mean we should too? Perhaps – they feel great off the clubface, after all. But here's the thing: each one costs about the same as breakfast for two at Delifrance, so while we'd all love to fill our bags with them à la Mr Woods, it could prove a costly exercise. But before you go stock up with a bunch of rocks from the guys at the Sai Kung ferry pier, it might be worth considering Nike's other models. Take the **Ignite**, for instance. Its 3-piece design gives it a buttery softness on and around the green, while its penetrating ball flight helps rack up the yards. Not too concerned with feel and just want to launch it miles? The **Juice**, with its 312 dimples, which equate to high velocity and low spin rates, is just the thing. For the environmentalists among you, Nike have introduced the **Karma** – so-called because it's made from 50% recycled material. The softest ever ball that Nike have produced, its 50 compression design provides incredible feedback on the green, while its dimple configuration helps maximize carry for slower swingers.

Nike products to be released on 1 February.

Prices to be confirmed.

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TAYLORMADE

They don't just make clubs

TaylorMade Golf is kicking off 2008 with a bang by launching an entire line-up of revised and new golf balls that will give golfers a multitude of options to choose from.

Four of the balls will carry the TaylorMade name with the remaining two carrying the **Noodle** banner, and all will feature "a new proprietary aerodynamic technology called Low Drag Performance, which promotes improved distance on the most common types of off-center driver hits." Better plays will appreciate the improved feel of the **TP Black** and **TP Red** models, both of which are up to 15% softer than the originals. The Black promotes a higher ball flight, while the Red encourages a mid-low trajectory. With an impressive tour staff that includes Retief Goosen, Sergio Garcia, Justin Rose and Natalie Gulbis, TaylorMade is continuing to make a name for themselves in the golf ball arena.

HK\$400 TaylorMade TP Black / TP Red

HK\$190 Noodle

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CALLAWAY APPAREL

Cor, it's a bit nippy out, isn't it? OK, so it's not exactly Scotland at this time of year in Hong Kong, but with Callaway's new range of winter wear you'll think it's summer whatever the temperature. Toasty!

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Asian Golf Explorer

Taking a dip:
Immediately after
holing the winning
putt, with the trophy
– his first in Asia
[inset].

Bryan Bathes after Clinching Cambodia Title

Bryan Saltus celebrated his first Asian Tour victory in style by jumping into a lake guarding the final green after holing the winning putt at the Johnnie Walker Cambodian Open last month. The colourful American, known by his peers as 'Salty', fired a brilliant final round of 67 over the water-laced layout at Phokeethra Country Club in Siem Riep to finish three shots ahead of Australia's Adam Groom in second place.

"This is awesome. I would like to dedi-

cate this win to Grateful Dead as they have inspired me all the way. Siem Reap is right up my alley, so I've enjoyed my time on and off the course this week," said the 36-year-old, an avid Grateful Dead fan who claims to have been to over 150 of their concerts.

"I had a good start with three birdies and my confidence carried on after that. I told my caddie (Phal Savern) that if I

win, I would buy her a motorbike and now that I've done it, I will get her a brand new motorbike," said the Californian based golfer, who started playing on the Asian Tour since 2004. Saltus finished a career-high 24th on the 2007 UBS Order of Merit. **AGE**



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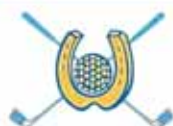
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