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The policy to grant visa-free facility to a much larger number of countries and territories was made as part of the government's efforts to boost the country's economy through tourism. The government has announced its aims to reach 20 million visitors by 2019. Presidential decree no. 21 of 2016, which was signed by President Joko Widodo on March 2 this year, details the policy's terms and conditions and encloses the list of countries.

Visitors from enlisted 169 countries and territories, which include the United States and Australia, are required to have their passports with minimum validity of six months and a return ticket upon entry. Meanwhile, nationals of Afghanistan, Cameroon, Guinea, Israel, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan and Somalia, still need a visa approval from the Immigration Office in Indonesia prior to their travel. The visa-free facility, which is granted for the purpose of leisure or tourism, family, social, art and cultural, governmental, educational, business meetings and transit visits, is valid for up to 30 days. It is non-extendable and non-convertible.

Entry and Departure Points

There are designated points of entry and departure as well. But visitors need not worry, as, according to the Indonesian Directorate General of Immigration, there are up to 124 immigration checkpoints composing of 29 airports (including Soekarno-Hatta, Tangerang, 30 kilometers from Jakarta; Halim Perdanakusuma, Jakarta; I Gusti Ngurah Rai, Bali; Juanda, Surabaya; Hang Nadim, Batam; and Kuala Namu and Polonia, Medan among others), 88 harbors and 7 land borders. Visitors may enter and depart through all of the listed checkpoints. The full list, along with the list of countries, is available on the Directorate General of Immigration's website.

Indonesia has come a long way in granting free visa for short visits. The government had previously granted visa-free status to neighboring Southeast Asian countries, such as Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, the Philippines, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam, as well as territories and countries, such as Hong Kong, Chile, Morocco, Peru and Ecuador, through presidential decree no. 69 of 2015. Later last year, it amended the policy with presidential decree no. 104 of 2015, which added 75 other countries eligible for the visa-free facility.

Golf course, Bali • Indonesia



FROM THE PUBLISHER

This October will be a historic month in the national golfing calendar. With a dynamic duo, BNI as title sponsor and Zurich as presenting sponsor, the Indonesian Masters will take place. The tournament is in its 6th edition and is reaching its goal of hosting the best Asian Tour players.

Excitingly, this prestigious tournament has become a prominent stage for Indonesian players to prove their skills to the national fans. With their performances having improved greatly this year, the Indonesian players look like they'll be able to give the international players a run for their money. I'm sure every Indonesian golf fan is looking forward to seeing if any of them can make it to the final, and maybe even engrave their name on the trophy. I certainly am!

Speaking about big events, golf made its successful comeback at the 2016 Olympics. It's a thrilling addition to Olympic history and golf has gained a huge amount of global exposure with a very positive response. Hopefully this can drive the sport to become more and more popular.

In addition to those two important topics, we also have a heap of other interesting articles in this edition. We're looking at two major winners, Jimmy Walker and Henrik Stenson, who taught us winners sometimes come from different angles. Secondly, we've got features from our knowledgeable contributors: psychologist Tara de Thouars shares some insight about golf and stress; the Leadbetter Golf Academy instructors are giving us some more tips on how to improve our golf game; and our rules expert, Eddy Putra, talks about how to deal with loose impediments and movable obstructions so we don't have to add on any more shots! Happy reading!

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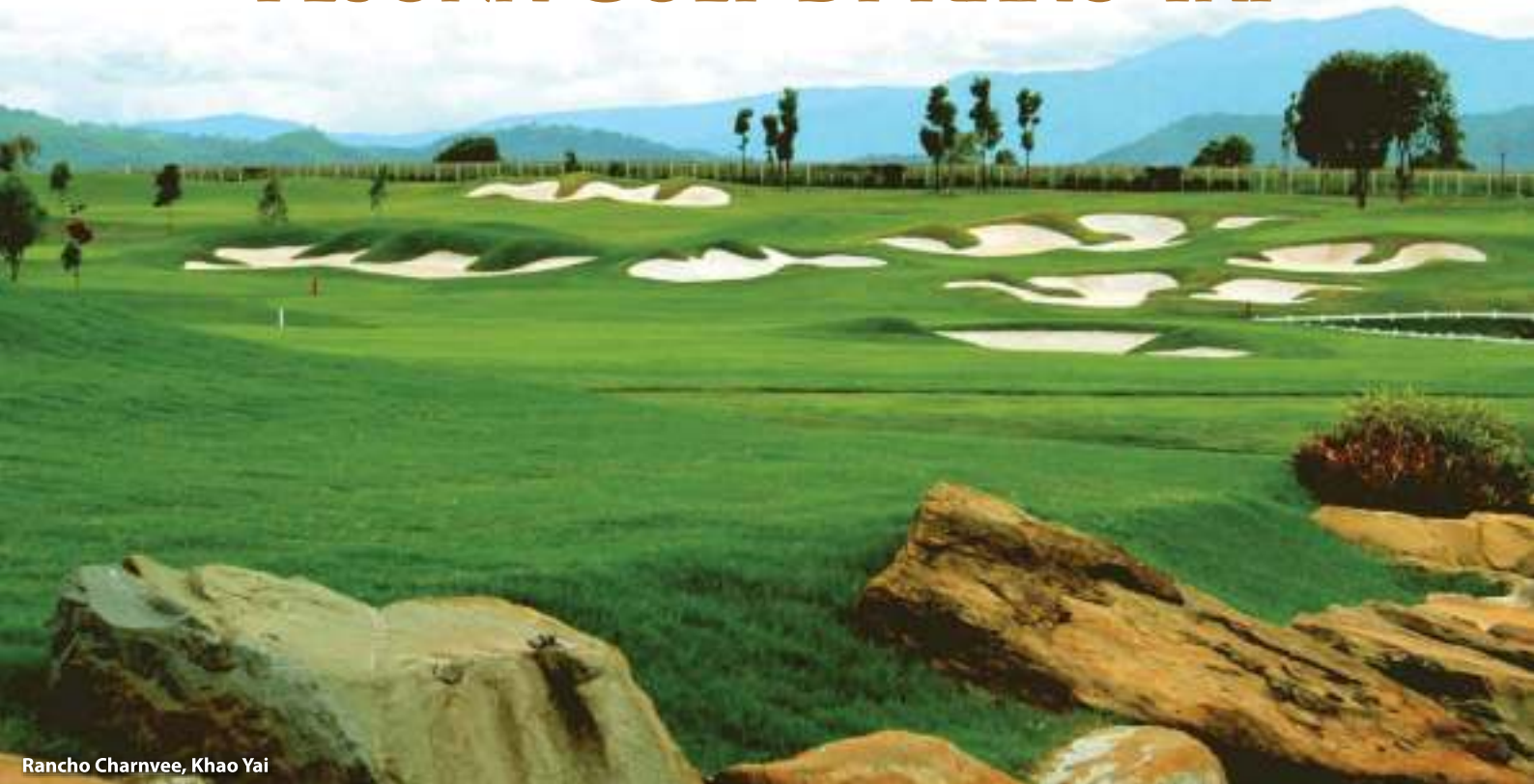
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PESONA GOLF DI KHAO YAI



Rancho Charnvee, Khao Yai

Toscana Valley, Khao Yai






Kirimaya, Khao Yai

Hanya berjarak 2,5 jam dari Kota Bangkok, Khao Yai menawarkan pengalaman golf dengan lapangan terbaik. Seperti Rancho Charnvee karya Bob McFarland dengan tantangan beragam yang cocok untuk pemain dari tingkat pemula sampai profesional. Lapangan ini juga dilengkapi dengan resort, lapangan berkuda, serta club house yang mewah. Terdapat juga Toscana Valley, salah satu lapangan tersulit dan paling eksklusif di Khao Yai yang memiliki pesona alam Tuscany, Italia. Kemudian Kirimaya Golf Resort & Spa karya Jack Nicklaus yang merupakan salah satu lapangan paling alami di Thailand, dilengkapi dengan resor golf bintang lima kualitas terbaik di Khao Yai.

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SHOWDOWN AT HALIM TIGA

In the 6th edition, the BNI Indonesian Masters presented by Zurich is realizing its highest goal. The battle between Asia and Indonesia's best players will be an interesting spectacle this month.

Photography : Erlangga Trihuana

This October the most prestigious tournament in Indonesia, the BNI Indonesian Masters presented by Zurich, will be held. The international golfing community turns its attention to Indonesia as the sixth edition of the premier golf tournament takes place at Royale Jakarta Golf Club from October 6 to 9.

By moving the tournament from its late April position of the last five years to October, the Indonesian Masters is strengthening its foundation as one of the most highly regarded events on the Asian Tour. The tournament is trying to realize their highest goal: to help produce world-class golfers, especially in the Asia region.



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“It’s a golf course I know well and managed to get top spot when I last played it in 2014, so I will be doing my best to pick up from where I left off!”

This year the US\$750,000 event seeks to further focus on encouraging Asian players to reach their peak performance level. The Indonesian Masters presents three of the biggest names on the Asian Tour, India’s Anirban Lahiri, Thai legend Thongchai Jaidee, and Marcus Fraser of Australia, who will all go head-to-head on the course located in Jalan Halim Tiga, Jakarta.

Anirban had a great moment at the Indonesian Masters two years ago when he won his fourth Asian Tour title in style by sinking a spectacular eagle putt on the last hole to win over Baek Seuk-hyun of Korea by one stroke. “It’s a golf course I know well and managed to get top spot when I last played it

in 2014, so I will be doing my best to pick up from where I left off!” said the 29-year-old, as quoted by the Asian Tour.

Meanwhile, never having won the event, Thongchai is curious about holding the Indonesian Masters trophy. His best position was runner-up at the inaugural event in 2011. “I’ve a number of top five finishes there over the years and was runner-up in 2011 so we will see if we can go one better this time round. I’m pretty happy with my form and just enjoying my golf,” said the 2009 Enjoy Jakarta Indonesia Open winner.

Anirban and Thongchai’s ambitions will face the challenge of Marcus, second on the 2016 Asian Tour Order of Merit. Even

though he’s never played at Royale Jakarta, the 38-year-old Australian is sure to give the two best Asian Tour players a run for their money. “I have not played at Royale Jakarta before but I have heard a lot of good things about the course. It should be a great four days of competition and I am looking forward to the challenges,” stated Marcus.

The BNI Indonesian Masters presented by Zurich is certain to be a showdown between the best players on the Asian Tour and Indonesia’s best. ■

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BREAKING THE HABIT

Every year just one Indonesian player has managed to qualify for the final round. This year is a chance to change that.

In addition to the talk of who will be champion of the Indonesian Masters, there's also a debate about which Indonesian players have the best chance of making it to the final round. This year, 20 of the top professionals from the PGA Tour of Indonesia and the top four Indonesian Amateurs are playing at the US\$750,000 event.

Referring to the history of the Indonesian Masters, since the inaugural event in 2011 there's only been one Indonesian player to make the cut. However, it looks promising that this year that's about to change.

This confidence is based on the Indonesian players' performances, which have improved greatly over the last 10 months thanks to the experience they've gained from tougher competitive atmospheres at

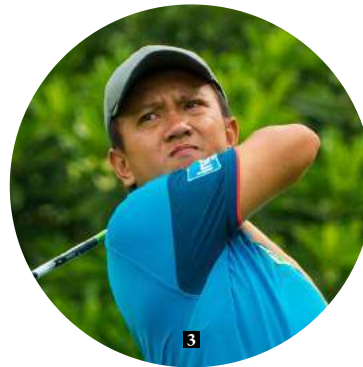
several international tournaments. George Gandranata's victory last march at the PGM LADA Langkawi Championship, one of the Asian Development Tour (ADT) events, has also motivated and inspired other Indonesian players to strive for similar achievements.

The Indonesian Golf Tour, the national professional golf circuit that is now in its third year, has also helped Indonesian players to develop their game. Numerous players have benefited from the Tour, gaining valuable playing experience and training their mental stamina, as they've competed in the high-level competitions.

Now some of the players have the chance to make history by being the first Indonesian to win the home event. Predicted to have a shot at the title are George, who sits at

11th position on the 2016 ADT Order of Merit, and Danny Masrin, in 32nd position. Ian Andrew, who made the cut at the 2015 Indonesian Masters, and Jordan Irawan, who placed second on the BNI Indonesian Golf Tour co-presented by OB Golf and Ancora Sports points standing, also look like potential contenders. However, don't underestimate Rory Hie, who played very impressively at the 2011 Indonesian Masters. I Ketut Sugiarta, Joshua Andrew Wirawan, and Kurnia Herisiandy could also make surprising performances with the support of the national golf fans behind them.

Let's see who will be able to survive into the final round. ■



1 George G.
2 Danny Masrin
3 Ian Andrew

(PAST INDONESIAN PLAYERS WHO MADE THE CUT)

YEAR	POS	NAME	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR
2011	T9	Rory HIE	68	74	69	69	280	-8
2012	T67	Andik Mauludin	74	73	73	78	298	+10
2013	70	Andik Mauludin	73	72	80	81	306	+18
2014	44	George Gandranata	71	70	75	71	287	-1
2015	62	Ian Andrew	72	79	77	74	302	+14

Photography : IGT



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EAT PLAY GOLF

- 1 Signature dish of IM, Rose Tea Pudding
- 2 Farah Quinn



The BNI Indonesian Masters presented by Zurich is not only a world-class competition on the course, it also boasts a fantastic off-course experience for the tournament's spectators.

Photography : Indonesian Masters

In addition to being an international tournament, the Indonesian Masters is on a mission to introduce golf and provide education about the sport to the public. Organizers of the event want to show that golf is a sport that can be enjoyed widely by the spectators too. So, to achieve their mission, the organizers set up special booths at the tournament each year. With the tagline "Eat-Play-Golf" spectators can experience various hospitality and promotional activities going on around the club house.

During the four-day tournament a whole host of events will take place, including a food festival. Spectators can enjoy various kinds of tasty treats from food trucks whilst they watch

the golf match. Celebrity chef Farah Quinn will be attending the event to give a cooking demonstration. She's also creating a signature dish specifically for the Indonesian Masters.

The organizers have also created some activities for children to enjoy in the kids zone and playground area. While parents watch the tournament, kids can kick back and relax in this area or take part in some specially planned golf-related activities to start building their own golf knowledge.

All of this goes towards achieving the mission of engaging and involving spectators so that they feel the full festivity of the Indonesian Masters. Once you experience it, you will love it. ■



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THE MASTERS IMPACT

When the Indonesian Masters began in 2011, many people regarded it as a bold attempt by the founders. It was predicted that this international tournament would not last long.

The predictions of failure were wrong; the 6th edition of the Indonesian Masters takes place at Royale Jakarta Golf Club this October. "As an unknown and untested tournament, it was difficult to secure sponsors, so my partners and I underwrote the first event. When we had a private bank take the title sponsorship in the second year;

I believe this was due to the success of the first event. They supported us for the last four years!" said Jimmy Masrin, the Co-Founder of the Indonesian Masters.

Through the Indonesian Masters, Indonesia has gained global exposure:

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2012 TO 2015

US\$96MILLION

WAS GENERATED IN 2015 ALONE.



ROYAL'S EXPERIENCE

"I once asked a group of golfers who had come from Europe and the US, how did they get to Royale? They said that they watched the Indonesian Masters. So, the Indonesian Masters has directly increased the number of golfers coming from abroad to Royale."

GEORGE CHANDRA,
Chief Operational Officer Royale
Jakarta GC



637,502,744

ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLDS REACHED BY THE TV BROADCAST.



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Thongchai Jaidee

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Thongchai Jaidee is one of the Asian golf legends. The 46-year-old Thai has become a symbol of the rise of Asian golf in the world.

Since turning professional in 1999, Thongchai holds the record for highest career earnings and has the second-highest number of victories, having won 13 times on the Asian Tour. His latest title was on the European Tour at the Open de France in July. Thongchai also played in eight PGA Tour events this year.

His dedication and patience pursuing golf has led to various other achievements, including reaching World No.28. Thongchai has confirmed his attendance at this year's BNI Indonesian Masters presented by Zurich; a further boost for the prestigious Indonesian golf event. This October, Thongchai, along with Anirban Lahiri, will be hoping to show-off their PGA Tour and Olympic experience at the US\$750,000 event.



Q How did you find it playing on the PGA Tour?

A The PGA tour is always fun. The fans are awesome. I loved the experience.

Q What did you think of the Olympic experience and competition?

A I am glad that golf has been included in the Olympics once again in 112 years. It was indeed a marvelous experience to be a part of the national Thai Olympian athletes in Rio. Playing golf for Thailand is absolutely my honor. I have played in all majors and never would have thought that one day I would compete in the Olympics. I am honored to earn this once-in-a-lifetime experience and it has made my career life complete.

Q What do you think have been the defining moments in your career?

A Personally, my defining moment was when I won the 100th Open De France this year. Not only was it the 100th year anniversary of the event, but my family was also there. And to me, being able to win such a tournament at 47 years of age was the moment for me.



Born: 8 November 1969
Turned Pro: 1999

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2000 Kolon Cup Korean Open
- 2001 Wills Indian Open
- 2002 London Myanmar Open
- 2003 Volvo Masters of Asia
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- 2006 Volvo Masters of Asia
- 2008 Hana Bank Vietnam Masters
 Johnnie Walker Cambodian Open

- 2009 Enjoy Jakarta Indonesia Open •
 Ballantine's Championship •
- 2010 Johnnie Walker Cambodian Open
- 2012 ISPS Handa Wales Open •
- 2014 Nordea Masters •
- 2015 Porsche European Open •
- 2016 Open de France •

- Co-sanctioned by Asian Tour & European Tour
- European Tour

AWARDS

Asian Tour Order of Merit:
 2001, 2004, 2009

MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS BEST RESULT

The Open Championship: T13 (2009)

Q You're a role model for many Asian players now. How does that feel?

A I am grateful to get to the point where I am today. I hope what I do encourages young people to follow their dreams.

Q What would be the one piece of advice you would give aspiring young golfers who are trying to make a career out of the game?

A Practice makes perfect! ■

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Anirban Lahiri

THE BEGINNING OF MY BEST CAREER RUN

Anirban Lahiri began playing in the Indonesian Masters when the tournament first launched in 2011, going on to win the title in 2014. Last year, the 29-year-old was absent from the Indonesian Masters for the first time due to his PGA Tour event schedule.

This year, the player who finished T5 at the 97th PGA Championship will return to the BNI Indonesian Masters presented by Zurich with the aim of winning the title once more. The experience he has gained on the PGA Tour and at the Olympics could be enough to help Anirban secure the victory at the sixth edition of the most prestigious Indonesian golf event.



You won the Indonesian masters in 2014, what impact did it have towards your career growth?

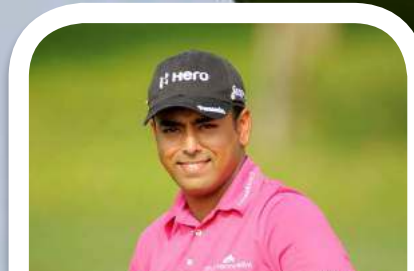
The win at the Indonesian Masters in 2014 was a very important milestone in my career. It was my first international win outside of India and definitely a big boost to my confidence and world rankings early in 2014. It was the beginning of what has been the best run in my career which led me forward to the European Tour later in 2014 and onwards from there.

How has your experience playing on the PGA Tour been?

I have really enjoyed my time on the PGA Tour despite a disappointing first season there. It's been a huge learning curve and I feel like I have become more comfortable with each passing tournament. It's great to be competing against the best players in the world's most elite events week in and week out. Hopefully I can have a breakout season next year.

What did you make of your Olympic experience and the competition as a whole?

It was very special being a part of a historic return of golf to the Olympics in Rio. It has been a big global boost to the game and personally an experience I will always cherish. Unfortunately, I went in carrying an injury that I am now finally recovering from so hopefully I will get another opportunity down the road to be an Olympian once again and to be able to stand on the podium.



Born: 29 June 1987
Turned Pro: 2007

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Panasonic Open 2011
- SAIL-SBI Open 2012
- SAIL-SBI Open 2013
- CIMB Niaga Indonesian Masters 2014
- Venetian Macau Open 2014
- Maybank Malaysian Open 2015 ●
- Hero Indian Open 2015 ●

Major Championships Best Result

PGA Championship: T5 (2015)

● Co-sanctioned by Asian Tour & European Tour

What have been the defining moments in your career?

I guess there are numerous moments in one's career that define and shape one's journey. My first win on the Asian Tour at the Panasonic Open was one such moment. To finish 5th at the PGA was another that truly made me believe that I could compete with the best in the world and hope to win a major one day.

What would your advice be to young professional golfers who are trying to make a career out of golf?

Practice smart. Be qualitative in your approach to the game. Discipline and dedication and hard work are obviously a must, but too many youngsters nowadays beat balls without direction and work out in the gym without specific guidance. To be a pro you must work like a pro. It's very important to work with a good team of individuals who can elevate your quality of golf. ■

ACHMAD BAIQUNI

President Director of BNI

WE HAVE SIMILARITIES IN PERFORMANCE APPLICATIONS

On August 3, 2016, one of the largest state owned banks, PT Bank Negara Indonesia (Persero) Tbk. (BNI), proudly announced their involvement in the Indonesian Masters presented by Zurich. BNI will be the title sponsor of the biggest professional golf tournament in Indonesia, which will be held 6-9 October at Royale Jakarta Golf Club. BNI also committed to supporting the Indonesian Golf Tour, a national professional golf circuit. OB Golf took the opportunity to speak to Achmad Baiquni, President Director of BNI, ahead of the tournament and hear his thoughts about how BNI synergizes golf with the bank's experience of seven decades in the financial field.

What are the thoughts behind BNI's involvement in the Indonesian Masters and Indonesian Golf Tour?

Golf is in an exciting place right now in Indonesia and BNI is honored to be a part of the growth and development that we are experiencing in the game in our country. The partnership further strengthens our commitment to the game and we look forward to showcasing our brand to golf fans at home and abroad.

Therefore, BNI is very proud to collaborate with the most prestigious golf tournament in Indonesia. We look forward to working with the tournament organizers to create the best experience for both golfers and spectators at the BNI Indonesian Masters presented by Zurich and the Indonesian Golf Tour this year.

What is the impact of sponsoring international tournaments such as the Indonesian Masters for BNI?

The Indonesian Masters is the leading golf tournament in Indonesia and has become one of the most prestigious events in Asia. Not only in Asia, the Indonesian Masters is also known in other continents because the event is broadcasted globally, both directly and indirectly. This broadcast has promoted and placed Indonesia as one of golf's tourist destinations.

These benefits certainly will be gained by BNI as one of the leading state-owned bank as the title sponsor of the Indonesian Masters. By opening seven branches spread across three continents: USA, Asia, and Europe, BNI is also known internationally. I hope BNI's involvement at the Indonesian Masters will further show our brand to golf fans in the country and abroad.

"We believe that our involvement today is the right moment and a tremendous opportunity for Indonesian golf and also for us as a financial institution to join hands."

How does BNI view the Indonesian Masters and Indonesian Golf Tour today?

Today we are making our commitment to golf in Indonesia. The Indonesian Masters and Indonesian Golf Tour have proved to be the perfect stage for golf in Asia and Indonesia to come of age. We believe that our involvement today is the right moment and a tremendous opportunity for Indonesian golf and also for us as a financial institution to join hands.

BNI has always had a goal to be at the forefront in presenting our brand in exciting ways, and also Indonesian golf. Therefore, through cooperation with the international and national golf tournament, we give a huge opportunity to players and golf spectators to have an experience with BNI.

What are the similarities that link BNI and golf?

Golf is an individual sport that requires strategic thinking in the game. The result on each hole is never the same, and there is always an effort to improve on the next hole. However, the most important thing in this sport is integrity. That's why golf is called a gentleman's game.

BNI is a financial institution which has the vision to be a financial institution that excels in service and performance. To achieve this vision, BNI carries four work culture values: professionalism, integrity, customer orientation, and relentless improvement. Therefore, golf and BNI have a synergy because they both have similarities in performance applications. ■

Pada 3 Agustus 2016, PT Bank Negara Indonesia (Persero) Tbk. (BNI) dengan bangga mengumumkan kesediaannya untuk menjadi sponsor utama Indonesian Masters presented by Zurich 2016 pada 6-9 Oktober mendatang di Royale Jakarta Golf Club. Tidak hanya itu, BNI pun berkomitmen mendukung Indonesian Golf Tour, sirkuit golf profesional nasional.

Terkait dengan komitmen ini, OB Golf berkesempatan mewawancarai Achmad Baiquni, President Direktur BNI, dan mendengarkan pemikiran beliau mengenai visi dan misi BNI dalam golf nasional dan bagaimana BNI mensinergikan golf dengan pengalaman bank tersebut selama tujuh dekade di bidang finansial.

Apa yang menjadi dasar pemikiran BNI sehingga bersedia untuk terlibat dalam Indonesian Masters dan Indonesian Golf Tour?

Golf saat ini berada dalam posisi yang menarik di Indonesia dan BNI merasa terhormat dapat menjadi bagian dari pertumbuhan dan perkembangan olahraga tersebut di negara ini. Kemitraan ini semakin memperkuat komitmen kami terhadap olahraga golf. Kami berharap bisa mempromosikan produk dan layanan kami kepada para penggemar golf di Tanah Air dan internasional.

Karena itu, BNI sangat bangga dapat berkolaborasi dengan turnamen golf paling bergengsi di Indonesia. Kami berharap dapat bekerja sama dengan penyelenggara turnamen untuk menciptakan sebuah pengalaman terbaik bagi para pegolf maupun para penonton di BNI Indonesian Masters presented by Zurich maupun Indonesian Golf Tour tahun ini.

Apa pengaruhnya bagi BNI dengan mensponsori turnamen internasional seperti Indonesian Masters?

Indonesian Masters merupakan turnamen golf terkemuka di Indonesia dan telah menjadi salah satu turnamen yang bergengsi di Asia. Tidak hanya di Asia, Indonesian Masters telah dikenal di belahan dunia lain karena event tersebut disiarkan secara

global baik secara langsung maupun tidak langsung. Tayangan ini pun ternyata mempromosikan dan menempatkan Indonesia sebagai salah satu destinasi wisata golf ini.

Manfaat-manfaat ini pun pastinya akan didapatkan BNI sebagai salah satu bank pemerintah terkemuka dengan menjadi sponsor utama Indonesian Masters.

Dengan membuka tujuh kantor cabang yang tersebar di tiga benua: Asia, Eropa, dan AS, BNI telah dikenal di dunia internasional. Saya berharap keterlibatan BNI di Indonesian Masters akan semakin menunjukkan produk dan layanan kami kepada penggemar golf di Tanah Air maupun di luar negeri.

Bagaimana BNI memandang Indonesian Masters dan Indonesian Golf Tour saat ini?

Saat ini kami berkomitmen terhadap golf di Indonesia. Indonesian Masters dan Indonesian Golf Tour telah membuktikan sebagai "panggung" yang tepat bagi pengembangan golf di Asia dan Indonesia untuk ke depannya. Kami yakin bahwa keterlibatan kami saat ini adalah momen yang tepat dan kesempatan yang sangat besar bagi golf di Indonesia dan juga bagi kami

sebagai lembaga keuangan untuk ikut serta ambil bagian.

Untuk itu, melalui kerja sama dengan Indonesian Masters dan Indonesian Golf Tour ini, kami memberikan kesempatan kepada para pegolf dan juga publik golf untuk merasakan pengalaman bersama BNI.

Bagaimana persamaan antara BNI dan golf?

Golf adalah olahraga individu yang membutuhkan pola pikir strategis dalam permainannya. Hasil di setiap "hole"-nya tidak pernah sama, dan selalu ada upaya untuk memperbaiki diri di hole berikutnya. Namun, yang terpenting olahraga ini sangat mengutamakan kejujuran. *Gentleman's game*, istilah yang ditujukan pada olahraga ini. BNI adalah lembaga keuangan yang memiliki visi menjadi lembaga keuangan yang unggul dalam layanan dan kinerja. Untuk mencapai visi tersebut, BNI mengusung empat nilai budaya kerja: profesionalisme, integritas, orientasi pelanggan, dan perbaikan tiada henti. Karena itu, golf dan BNI bisa bersinergi karena keduanya memiliki kesamaan dalam aplikasi terhadap kinerja. ■





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INCREASING BRAND AWARENESS

Zurich is a familiar name in the world of golf. The world's leading insurance company is known for its involvement with major golfing events around the world.

The Zurich Classic has been supported by Zurich since 2005. Not only that, the company, which has operated for over 140 years, has also sponsored the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship since 2009, the Latin America Amateur Championship since 2015, among other golf engagements.

This year, Zurich is the presenting sponsor of the Indonesian Masters. It may seem to be just another step for the Swiss-based company, however, Zurich believes that their involvement is much more. "As the government aims to turn Indonesia into a major golfing destination in Asia, Zurich also sees the importance of developing elite local golf talent for the benefit of the sport and Indonesia as a whole," said Peter Huber, President Director & Chief Executive Officer for Zurich Topas Life Indonesia, speaking about the new partnership with the tournament.

Q Zurich has shown continued commitment to sponsoring international golf events, what are the reasons behind Zurich's involvement in golf events?

A Zurich have been involved with golf for many years through key sponsorship engagements worldwide. Golf is a game that many of our customers truly love, therefore our involvement in this sport means more to us than just supporting one

of our customers' passions. It's associating our brand with highly positive, emotionally charged moments, as we do with all of our sponsorship.

Q You were proposed as one of the sponsors for the Indonesian Masters this year, what was the first thing that came into your mind when you decided to be part of this tournament?

A We know that the Asian Tour have been recognized as the organizers of prestigious golf tournament in Asia, hence Zurich believed by engaging ourselves as the presenting sponsor of Indonesian Masters with the Asian Tour it will strengthen our commitment in golf which also brings more exposure to our brand in Indonesia.

We noticed that Asia is an emerging market for our business, including the place of prestigious golf tournaments, which is followed by the growth of international scale golf players. Hence we will fully support the Asian Tour, which has successfully developed golf in Asia.


Q In addition to brand exposure, do you have other goals with the Indonesian Masters sponsorship?

A The first thing that we are highly excited about is the event itself, the Indonesian Masters is a great opportunity for Zurich Indonesia to increase our brand awareness as the event will

be highly visible in the media. Over 10,000 people are expected to attend the event. We will be using this as showcase for some of our top customers, top distribution partners, and our employees as well. We are very excited about the Masters and our involvement as presenting sponsor.

Q Why is Zurich choosing golf as the sport to promote Zurich's brand?

A Golf is one of the few sports that does not require a standardized playing area. While the basic rules apply regardless of the terrain, each course is different and players need to adapt their game accordingly if they wish to succeed. They need to be focused and disciplined

A portrait of Peter Huber, a man with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a white shirt. He is smiling and has his arms crossed. The background is a blurred cityscape.

Peter Huber

President Director & Chief Executive Officer
for Zurich Topas Life Indonesia

while maintaining the flexibility to respond to unexpected challenges. This is something that we as insurance professionals have in common with golfers, which explains why Zurich is so engaged in the game worldwide.

Q Zurich also has the Golf Ambassador Program, what is the purpose of the program?

A The Zurich Golf Ambassador Program has helped us expand our reach in golf far beyond the tournaments to engage with customers, brokers, employees, executives, and charities on a global level throughout the year. Zurich's Ambassadors not only excel on the golf course but are personally committed to a wide range

of humanitarian and social causes. Zurich has teamed with each of its ambassadors to extend our commitment to the communities we serve around the globe.

Q Do you have a program that will support other Indonesian golfers?

A We are interested in any opportunity to grow golf and the players in Indonesia. We acknowledge the government's plan to turn Indonesia into a major golfing destination in Asia, hence Zurich also sees the importance of developing the elite local golf talent, including the junior talents for the benefit of the sport and Indonesia as a whole. As part of Zurich Indonesia support to

develop local talent, we have appointed Danny Masrin and George Gandranata to be our golf ambassadors. They will be a symbol of our aspiration, they can be examples to our employees, and they can help us as a group to understand what it takes to become and remain the best in Golf. ■



JOURNEYMAN TO JUGGERNAUT

His victory at the 98th PGA Championship was another great performance by Jimmy Walker whose career has been on the rise since 2013. Butch Harmon has been credited with helping to shape his game and personality. Today, Jimmy is a fighter.



Jimmy Walker of the United States celebrates his putt for par on the 18th hole to win the 2016 PGA Championship at Baltusrol Golf Club

Jimmy Walker recalled when he first texted the legendary coach Butch Harmon in 2012, asking him whether they could meet for a range session. “It took three weeks for him to answer back,” said Walker who was way down on the money list in 2012, as quoted by Golf.com. “It was a little discouraging but in fairness we’d never even talked before.”

Although they spent a day at Butch’s swing factory in Las Vegas, their working partnership

didn’t take off immediately. After an on-off relationship for months, Butch finally agreed to work together full-time with Jimmy at the end of the year.

Jimmy also recalled that he gave Butch a \$1,200 bottle of Château Margaux four years ago when Butch refused payment for their first of many lessons. Butch made a promise that he would open it when Jimmy won a major, which Jimmy did at the 98th PGA Championship. Jimmy took home the title from Baltusrol,

beating reigning champion Jason Day by one shot.

It’s been a long road to his first major but the PGA Championship title is the latest addition to Jimmy’s growing golf curriculum vitae. Under Harmon’s direction he’s now won six times on the PGA Tour. The 37-year-old has also played on both the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup teams. Add that to his jump from 117th in the world in 2013 to his current position at 19th.



JIMMY WALKER

Born : January 16, 1979
Turned Pro : 2001
College : Baylor University

ACHIEVEMENTS

Born : January 16, 1979
Turned Pro : 2001
College : Baylor University

WHAT'S IN JIMMY'S BAG

Driver :

Titleist 917D2 (8.5 degrees)

Woods :

TaylorMade M1 (15 degrees, 3), Titleist 915Fd (18 degrees, 5)

Irons (3-9) :

Titleist 716 MB

Wedges :

Titleist Vokey Design SM6 (48-08F, 54-08M and 60-04L degrees)

Putter :

Scotty Cameron Newport 2 GSS Prototype

Ball :

Titleist Pro V1x

Before meeting Butch, Jimmy hadn't had a victory in his 187 PGA Tour starts. Now, with six wins under his belt he has become a weekly contender. Butch has successfully transformed both Jimmy's game and confidence, transitioning him from journeyman to juggernaut.

"... The first thing Butch told me was that he doesn't take just anyone on. He believed I had the ability to be great and he said I had to start believing that. Having him

say something like that meant a lot," said Jimmy.

Butch is renowned for being able to motivate his players. On Sunday, before the final round of the 98th PGA Championship, Butch gave Jimmy a pep-talk and told him to "go out there and show everyone who Jimmy Walker really is." And the Wanamaker Trophy was in his hands in the end. ■



OLYMPIC COURSE GAINS WORLD TRUST

After a hectic but prestigious two weeks hosting the Olympics, the Olympic Golf Course (OGC) has earned its place on the 'must-play' list for avid golf travelers. The course, which was temporarily closed to allow workers to remove the grandstands, scoreboards and other infrastructure after the Games, officially opened to the public on October 1st.

The Brazilian Golf Confederation will manage the course, which is now considered part of the Olympic legacy. There are plans to build additional infrastructure to help maintain the course to a high standard and to assist the OGC to fulfill its larger mission of introducing the game to the masses and welcoming international golf tourists.

"The course is a crown jewel and we intend to take very good care of it," said Marcio Galvao, the executive director of the Brazilian Golf Confederation, who is aware that the eyes of the golf world remain upon them.

There are plans to hold a number of events at the course in the coming years. In March 2017 a Web.com tournament and the developmental tour for the U.S. PGA Tour will be held at the course. An annual European tour event or WGC event will also be invited to play at the Olympic Golf Course.

"We have a very big vision," stated Marcio. "The Olympics was amazing for us. It was way above our expectations. We have never seen Brazil so excited about golf. A legacy has been created for us, and we intend to honor it." ■



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Olympic Golf Course



Justin Rose



Inbee Park

GLOBAL EXPOSURE FOR GOLF

Britain's Justin Rose and South Korea's Inbee Park celebrated gold at the 2016 Olympics as golf made its triumphant return following its 112-year absence. The tournaments held in Rio were regarded as a huge success and drew a positive response amidst attention from around the world.

Despite the slow pace of play, golf proved itself as a sport worthy of the world stage when 2013 US Open champion Justin Rose of Great Britain defeated Sweden's Henrik Stenson, winner of the 2016 Open Championship, in a thrilling final round by two strokes. Claiming the bronze medal for the US was Matt Kuchar. Speaking after his victory Justin said, "That felt better than anything I've ever won."

The women's golf also proved to be a big a hit. Inbee Park took home the gold medal after beating New Zealand's Lydia Ko by one stroke and Shanshan Feng of China by two strokes.

Each medalist and all other participants acted as valuable assets to the game. Their presence at the Games has enhanced the sports image and helped to promote it globally via the most-watched stage in the sporting world. The players have experienced levels of global exposure far greater than traditional tournaments have ever achieved. ■

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DID YOU KNOW?



LINKS

Today, the term “links” is sometimes used to refer to a golf course without trees and is even occasionally used as a general term for a golf course. The use of this term in these instances is incorrect. Links are a specific type of golf course with a specific geographic location. According to the British Golf Museum, “links” are coastal strips of land between

the beaches and the inland agricultural areas. This type of land has sandy soil so it was previously considered worthless. As golf was introduced in Scotland, the sport was played on this type of land. A course is only truly a links course if it shares this same type of geography and land composition.



TEE BOX

Nowadays, tee box is another term for the teeing ground and refers to the area in-between two tee markers and two club-lengths back from the tee markers. However, according to golf history, tee box initially had another meaning. Before wooden golf tees were invented, golfers put their ball on top of a small mound of wet sand. The sand was provided in a box that was stationed on each teeing ground. That’s where the term “tee box” originates.

BOGEY

“Bogey” is the oldest term in the stroke system vocabulary. According to History of Golf, it was introduced in about 1891. When the initial idea of standardizing the number of shots a good golfer should take on each hole began it was called the “ground score”. The idea was applied in match play competition. During one competition, the term “bogey” arose because the players were chasing a ground score that seemed particularly difficult to achieve. The word bogey referred to the bogey-man; a widely used term for a goblin or devil, which was popularized in a British song in the late 19th century. The term caught on, and in the early 20th Century when the term par was introduced as the ideal score of professional golfers, bogey became the term for one above par. ■





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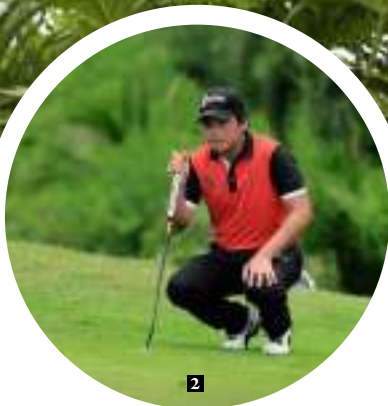
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OSCAR GETS CLOSER TO AT CARD

His victory at Damai Indah Golf-BSD Course placed Oscar Zetterwall in the Top 5 of the Asian Development Tour Order of Merit. He intends to secure his Asian Tour card.



1 Oscar Zetterwall
2 Sutijet K.

Oscar Zetterwall definitely enjoyed his moment at Ciputra Golfpreneur Tournament presented by Panasonic. He claimed his second Asian Development Tour (ADT) title after he defeated American Johannes Veerman in a play-off. Winning a share of the US\$100,000 event will certainly have motivated Oscar. However, his success in the event has helped him move towards achieving an even bigger goal.

“This victory means a lot to me. I’ll climb up the Order of Merit and bring myself closer to securing my Asian Tour card,” said Oscar, who now moves to fourth place on the money list.

After failing to earn his Asian Tour (AT) card at Qualifying School in January, Oscar decided to make amends by playing well on

the ADT. His first breakthrough came at ICTSI Sherwood Hills Classic in the Philippines in April. The second win at the BSD course by Damai Indah Golf wasn’t as easy; the Swede struggled to overcome Johannes Veerman and they went to a playoff after both finished 20-under par, 268.

The title was finally Oscar’s though when he sank an exquisite birdie on the par-five 18th hole as Johannes only managed to make par. “I hit a good shot down the middle of the fairway. I then used a six-iron to get within 12-feet of the pin and it was a joy to watch my birdie putt sink into the hole,” said Oscar. “I was 1-over after six holes and I knew I had to focus well to have any chance of winning this week. ■

INDONESIA CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Indonesian players had a good result at the 2016 Ciputra Golfpreneur Tournament presented by Panasonic.

Fifty-seven players had a chance to play at the US\$100,000 Ciputra Golfpreneur Tournament. The cutline was set at 1-under par and a total of 14 Indonesian golfers qualified to play - nine professionals and five amateurs.

The lowest score carded was 9-under par shot by Danny Masrin. Danny claimed the title of the Best Indonesian Professional Player. The 24-year-old placed T-18 along with two other players, Tirto Tamardi and

Naradjie E. Ramadhan Putra. A playoff was held between Tirto and Naradjie to determine the Lowest Amateur winner.

Compared to last year's event, when only five Indonesians qualified, this year's results show good promise. Of the 14 players to qualify, most notably Indra Hermawan topped the leaderboard in the first round with a score of 8-under par, and Rinaldi Adiyandono upheld the national expectations when he

was able to sit in the Top 7 with 9-under par in the second round.

All players, especially the young golfers, showed their mettle by competing alongside international players who have more experience in these type of events. It's proof that the ability of the Indonesian players is developing and improving as a result of the national golf competition, which runs on a regular basis, and their participation in the International championship arena. ■





MEDIA FAMILIARIZE WITH GOLF DESTINATIONS

Thailand is one of the most popular destinations for golf tourists, particularly in Southeast Asia. Today, golf is one of the major contributors to the country's tourism revenue.

Through the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), the government's tourism agency, Thailand has created various programs to attract foreign tourists to play golf in the country. Thailand Golf Travel Mart (TGTM) is one of the country's primary programs.

This year's TGTM was held on July 27-29 in the Eastern seaside city of Pattaya, Chon Buri. More than 300 participants attended the event, including 165 specialist golf holiday buyers, invited by 27 TAT overseas offices. They had the opportunity to discuss prospective business opportunities with 92 Thai representatives from golf courses, golf schools, equipment retailers, travel agents, tour operators, hotels, spa operators, and other hospitality related businesses. TAT also invited 42 members of the local and international media to gain an insight into the event as well as Thailand's myriad of offers for golf holidays. TGTM has become an excellent platform through which buyers and the media can familiarize themselves with Thailand's golf courses.

The event continued on from the success of last year's TGTM, which took place in August 2015, in Hua Hin, Prachuap Khiri

Khan. "Building on the tremendous success of last year's edition, this year's Mart again helps strengthen Thailand's premier position as a world-class golf destination and, as a result, attract more golfers to the country. This is in line with our broader tourism marketing strategy to promote Thailand as a quality leisure destination through 'Thainess' by focusing on offering unique Thai local experiences through the Thai culture and way of life," said Mr. Visanu Jaroensilp, TAT Deputy Governor for Tourism Products and Business. The "Thainess" campaign promotes the Thai culture, the Thai way of life, and the Thai way of living.

In addition to the meeting between sellers and buyers, all the participants played in a golf tournament on July 27 at Burapha Golf Club and Laem Chabang International Country Club. They also enjoyed the hospitality of the Grand Royal Cliff hotel.

It's been proposed by several Indonesian tour and event companies that the Ministry of Tourism of Indonesia could emulate TAT's activity. Those who have attended the TGTM have suggested that Indonesia should have its own annual travel mart. Through these





activities, buyers, sellers, and the media could all benefit and learn from the experience of interacting directly with one another.

When referring to the success of the TGTM, it's clear that full support from the government, in collaboration with private parties, has been the major factor in the success and sustainability of the event. ■





HE IS NUMBER 5

Henrik Stenson used to be known as one of the best players to never have won a major. However, that title is officially defunct after the Swedish player won the Open Championship, the oldest major event in the world.

The Claret Jug winner Henrik Stenson had previously collected two prestigious titles, the FedEx Cup and the Race to Dubai, in 2013.

Forty-year-old Stenson played arguably his best ever rounds of golf at the four day Open Championship. Fans were reminded of Henrik's dominance, which in the past helped him to win the FedEx Cup and the Race to Dubai titles. He's experienced ups and downs for almost eight years and has proven that he has a fighting spirit. Now, Henrik is the World No.5.

Get to Know Henrik

Q WHEN DID HE START PLAYING GOLF?

A Henrik started playing golf when he was 12. No one else in his family played golf. He became hooked when a friend took him to the driving range. He earned the nickname "En Till Hink" (One More Bucket) because of his love for hitting balls.

Q WHO IS HE MARRIED TO?

A His wife, Emma Lofgren, was a college golfer. He met Emma while she was golfing at the University of South Carolina, where he often practiced with the men's team. They got married in December 2006, and have two children, Lisa and Karl.

Q WHERE DID HENRIK EARN HIS EURO TOUR CARD?

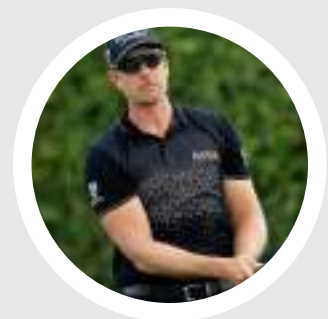
A He got his Euro Tour card in Cuba. He won the Challenge Tour Grand Final tournament in 2000 by five shots at Varadero, Cuba, earning him the call-up to the European Tour.

Q HENRIK IS KNOWN FOR BEING TEMPERAMENTAL, WHY IS THIS?

A Although known as having an overall affable personality, Henrik occasionally shows his temper, highlighted mainly by throwing clubs or breaking them. At the 2001 European Open, he was struggling with hook shots and decided he had enough, walking off the course. In the 2007 Open at Carnoustie he was fined £500 for smashing a tee marker because of a poor shot and in 2013 he broke his driver in frustration on the final hole of the BMW Championship before damaging his locker. Later, he apologized and paid for the damage.

Q HOW DID HENRIK LOSE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS?

A In 2009, Henrik decided to invest some of his money, about US\$7 million, with Allen Stanford. Allen was later indicted in a US\$7 billion Ponzi scheme. He was found guilty in 2012 and sentenced to 110 years in prison. "I never met Allen Stanford and it's safe to say I won't be visiting him in prison," said Henrik to Golf Digest in 2014. "If I did come face-to-face with him, what I might do to him could get me arrested also." ■



Born: April 5, 1976

Turned Pro: 1998



ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2001 Benson & Hedges International Open
- 2004 The Heritage
- 2006 Commercial Qatar Masters BMW International Open
- 2007 Dubai Desert Classic WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship
- 2009 The Players Championship
- 2012 South African Open Championship
- 2013 Deutsche Bank Championship •
- 2013 Tour Championship •
- 2013 DP World Tour Championship •
- 2014 DP World Tour Championship •
- 2016 BMW International Open
- 2016 The Open Championship •

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9 QUICK FACTS

ANOTHER PROFESSION HE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEMPT:

Tennis professional (they always want to be golf pros)

THE PROFESSION WHICH HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO DO:

Window cleaner on high-rise buildings

HIS SUPERSTITION WHEN PLAYING IN TOURNAMENTS:

Start day one using Titleist No.1s and never play No.4s.

HIS MOST ADMIRER PLAYER:

Golfers without talent but who can still win.

HIS FIRST JOB:

Selling newspapers on Sundays.

HIS FAVORITE WORD:

Great shot

THE LEAST FAVORITE WORD:

FORE

GOOD CADDIE CRITERIA:

Keep up and shut up! They need to be on time, accurate, good at math, have a sense of humor, and have people skills. Dare to say her/his opinion but can admit it when wrong.

HIS IDOLS:

Growing up my golf heroes were Seve and Faldo. I have played with both and even if they were past their prime it's a great memory to have!

What's in Henrik's Bag ?

Driver	: Callaway XR 16 (Oban Tour Kiyoshi 60x), 9 degrees
Woods	: Callaway Diablo Octane Tour (13 degrees)
Irons	: (2-PW): Callaway Legacy Black
Wedges	: Callaway MD3 Milled (52, 58 degrees)
Putter	: Odyssey White Hot XG #7H Putter
Ball	: Titleist Pro V1



TEE TIMES



Oct 3 - 9	-	-	BNI INDONESIAN MASTERS PRESENTED BY ZURICH Royale Jakarta GC \$750,000 (Oct 6-9)
Oct 10 - 16	-	-	VENETIAN MACAO OPEN Macao Golf and CC, Macao \$1,100,000 (Oct 13-16)
Oct 17 - 23	-	-	CIMB CLASSIC TPC Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia \$7,000,000 (Oct 20-23)
Oct 24 - 30	THE 7TH SERIES OF IGT LotusLakes Golf Club, Karawang IDR200,000,000 (Oct 26-28)	-	WGC-HSBC CHAMPIONS Sheshan International GC, Shanghai, China \$9,500,000 (Oct 27-30)
Oct 31 - Nov 6	-	-	-
Nov 7 - 13	-	-	RESORT WORLD MANILA MASTERS Golf Club Milano, Parco Reale di Monza, Italy \$7,000,000 (Nov 10-13)
Nov 14 - 20	-	-	-
Nov 21 - Nov 27	-	-	WORLD CUP OF GOLF Kingston Heath GC, Melbourne, Australia \$8,000,000 (Nov 24-27)
Nov 28 - Dec 4	THE GRAND FINALE OF IGT Royale Jakarta Golf Club IDR300,000,000 (Dec)	ADT THONGCHAI JAIDEE FOUNDATION Black Mountain Golf Club, Thailand \$115,770 (Dec 1-4)	PANASONIC OPEN INDIA Delhi Golf Club US\$ 400,000 (Dec 1-4)



<p>ALFRED DUNHILL LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP Old Course St. Andrews, Carnoustie & Kingbarns, Scotland \$5,000,000 (Oct 6-9)</p> <p>FIJI INTERNATIONAL Natadola Bay GC, Natadola, Fiji A\$1,500,000 (Oct 6-9)</p>	-	<p>FUBON LPGA TAIWAN CHAMPIONSHIP Taipei, Taiwan \$2,000,000 (Oct 6-9)</p>
<p>BRITISH MASTERS The Grove, Chandlers Cross, Hertfordshire England €3,000,000 (Oct 13-16)</p>	-	<p>LPGA KEB HANA BANK CHAMPIONSHIP Incheon, South Korea \$2,000,000 (Oct 13-16)</p>
<p>PORTUGAL MASTERS Oceanico Victoria Golf Club, Portugal €2,000,000 (Oct 20-23)</p>	-	<p>BLUE BAY LPGA Hainan Island, China \$2,100,000 (Oct 20-23)</p>
<p>WGC-HSBC CHAMPIONS Sheshan International GC, Shanghai, China \$9,500,000 (Oct 27-30)</p>	-	<p>SIME DARBY LPGA MALAYSIA Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia US\$2,000,000</p>
<p>TURKISH AIRLINES Regnum Carya Golf & Spa Resort, Antalya, Turkey \$7,000,000 (Nov 3-6)</p>	-	<p>TOTO JAPAN CLASSIC Ibaraki, Japan \$1,500,000 (Nov 4-6)</p>
<p>NEDBANK GOLF CHALLENGE Golf Club Milano, Parco Reale di Monza, Italy \$7,000,000 (Nov 10-13)</p>	-	<p>LORENA OCHOA INVITATIONAL Mexico City, Mexico \$1,000,000 (Nov 10-13)</p>
<p>DP WORLD TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP Jumeirah Golf Resort Estate, Dubai, UAE \$8,000,000 (Nov 17-20)</p>	-	<p>CME TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP Naples, FL \$2,000,000 (Nov 17-20)</p>
<p>WORLD CUP OF GOLF Kingston Heath GC, Melbourne, Australia \$8,000,000 (Nov 24-27)</p>	-	-
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UA DRIVE ONE

GOLF SHOES GET SMART

At this year's Open Championship, Jordan Spieth didn't get much attention sitting at T30, but his shoes did. Making their debut at Turnberry, the UA Drive One "smart" shoes recorded Jordan's total steps, distance, and speed.



UA Drive One are Under Armour's first-ever custom made shoe and help to keep the foot cool and dry thanks to ArmourVent perforations which allows heat and sweat to escape. This is further aided by an OutDry membrane laminated to the inside upper shoe which works to keep water on the outer surface of the shoe.

Supported by Champ Zarma Tour spikes with Slim-Lok system for maximum torque, the sole combines natural flexibility and movement with aggressive traction. The shoe is anatomically engineered with an extra-wide outsole that allows the foot to act correctly through a dynamic and powerful movement. Fantastic stability in the heel throughout the swing is provided by the carbon heel counter that helps to lock in the foot and stabilize

it during the swing. Meanwhile, Micro G foam delivers ultra-responsive, low-to-the-ground performance for better, natural stability and comfort.

Jordan's shoes boast a special addition of the SpeedForm Gemini 2: a built-in sensor technology which is used in Under Armour running shoes. The sensor is mounted in the shoe to track movements and comes with tracking bands that relay data to a smartphone. During the final round at The Open Championship, Jordan logged a total of 13,541 steps. This technology makes the Drive Ones the first ever "smart" golf shoes.

Unfortunately, Under Armour don't yet have plans to release the sensor-equipped Drive One shoe for general retail, but it could be a hint towards the future of golf footwear. ■

ECCO BIOM HYBRID 2

MUST - HAVE SHOES

On September 1st Caroline Masson won her first LPGA Tour event. Part of the gear that helped her win at the Manulife LPGA Classic was her Ecco Biom Hybrid 2 shoes.

Caroline's shoes, which were crafted specifically for the Olympic Games, continue on the success of their predecessor the Ecco Biom (Biomechanical Optimization) Hybrid, which have been hugely popular. The Hybrid 2 continue to utilize the company's Natural Motion technology which empowers the foot's own natural systems for absorbing impact. It results in improved comfort and performance, while strengthening muscles and ligaments. What's different from the original Biom Hybrids is that the Hybrid 2s are now lighter and thinner.

The Hybrid 2 use yak leather uppers which are treated with an anti-stain formula called HydroMax to protect the shoes from the elements. Meanwhile, the Ecco DTS (Dynamic Traction System) outsole features TPU traction bars, which provide more than 800 traction angles for maximum gripping. The outsole is a patented design that was first introduced on the now famous Golf Street model Fred Couples wore to The Masters in 2010.

Like the other Ecco shoes, the Hybrid 2 is supported by a Direct-inject-technology (DIT) with using polyurethane as a midsole. This is a technology that is not found in other golf shoe brands. Other shoes usually use a cement construction or some form of EVA as a midsole. The DIT, which combines with a silicon-printed insole, helps to increase stability through the swing.

The Ecco Biom Hybrid 2 is available in five different color combinations: concrete (grey)/royal blue, black/brick red, camel/fanta (yellow), white/black, and white/red. ■



ECCO BIOM HYBRID 2 FEATURES:

- Direct-inject-technology (DIT) with using polyurethane as a midsole.
- Natural Motion technology
- HydroMax to protect the shoes from the elements.
- Ecco DTS (Dynamic Traction System) outsole



IMPEDIMENTS & OBSTRUCTIONS

Illustration : Beks

When you're out playing on the course you might encounter some loose impediment or an obstruction. Sometimes these two things can hinder your movement, your ball position, or your line of swing, preventing you from making a clear shot.

In the Rules of Golf, under the topic of "Loose Impediments and Movable Obstructions" you can learn how to deal with these problems without getting a penalty.

LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS

According to the definition in the Rules of Golf loose impediments are natural objects. Stones, leaves, twigs, branches, pinecones, worms, insects, and casts and heaps made by them, are all loose impediments. You may move a loose impediment. But, you may not move it if the loose impediment and your ball are in the same hazard (i.e. bunker or water hazard).



If you remove a loose impediment and this causes your ball to move, the ball must be replaced and you incur a one-stroke penalty.

However, if you remove a loose impediment and this causes your ball which was on the putting green to move, the ball must be replaced and no penalty

Note: No penalty if the movement of the ball or ball-marker is directly attributable to the removal of the loose impediment. Otherwise, the player incurs a penalty of one stroke.

MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

An obstruction is defined by the Rules of Golf as anything artificial, including the artificial surfaces and sides of roads and paths and manufactured ice. Movable obstructions (i.e. artificial movable objects such as rakes, bottles, etc.) are obstructions that can be moved without unduly delaying play, causing any damage, or requiring unreasonable effort.



It may be moved without penalty if a movable obstruction affects stance or swing. If your ball moves as a result, it should be replaced without penalty.

If your ball is in or on a movable obstruction, the ball may be lifted and the obstruction removed, then the ball should be dropped on the spot directly under where the ball lay on the obstruction. **Note:** not nearer the hole. While on the putting green, the ball is placed on that spot. ■

Eddy Putra

CONNECTED RIGHT ARM



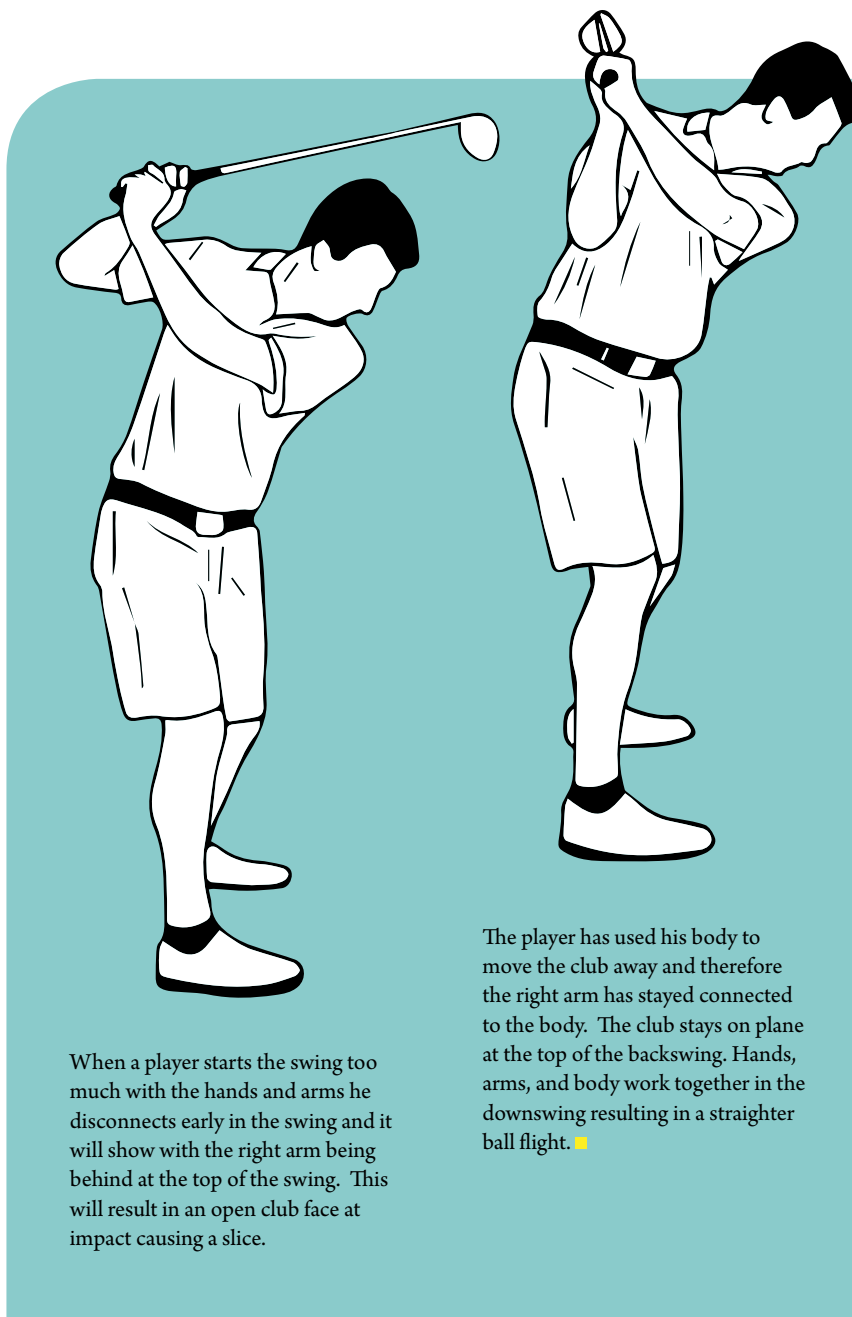
By: Philippe De Busschere

When you see fellow golfers, many will have an overswing that they have struggled with for years to make shorter. It's not true to say that a longer swing will generate more power and thus more distance. What would power be if we couldn't control it?

Therefore, you need to start looking at how your arms work with your body. In your backswing, your right elbow needs to be connected to your chest rather than letting it disconnect, which results in a high right elbow. You will then find that many points in your swing fall into place.

As a result your body will wind up better and your club will come from the inside easier, this will produce longer, straighter shots.

Have a look at the below pictures and see how this can help your game.



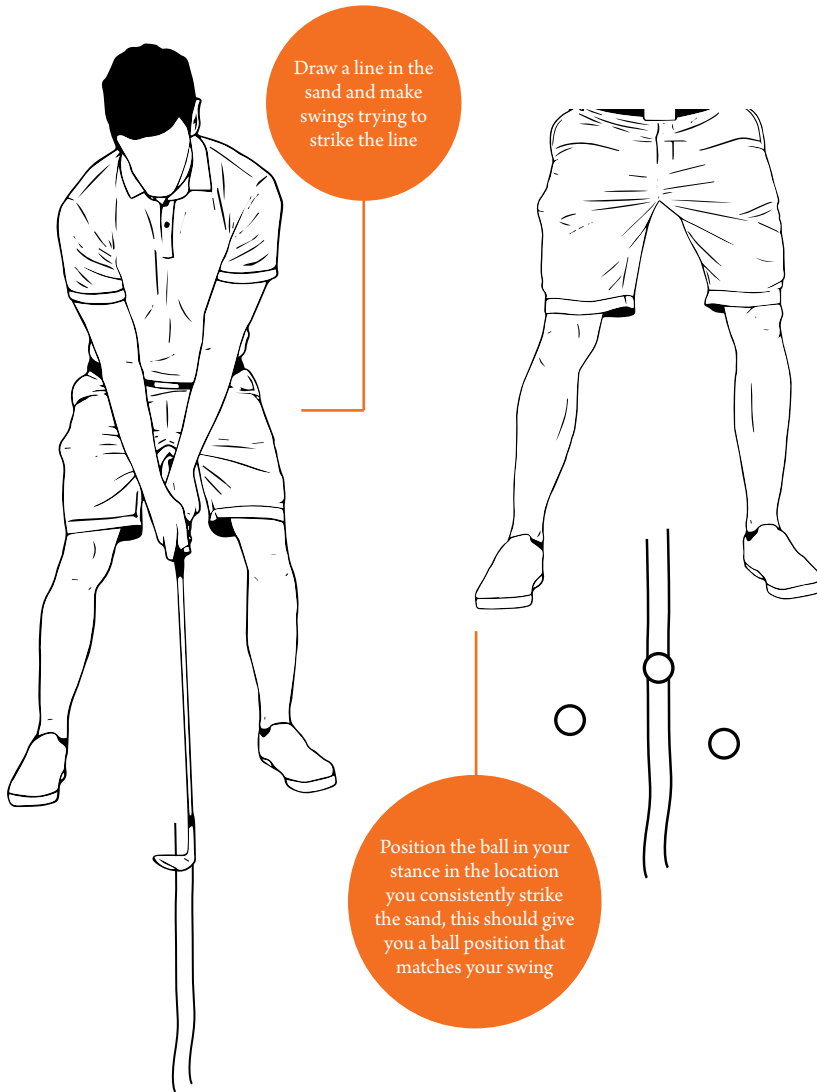
When a player starts the swing too much with the hands and arms he disconnects early in the swing and it will show with the right arm being behind at the top of the swing. This will result in an open club face at impact causing a slice.

The player has used his body to move the club away and therefore the right arm has stayed connected to the body. The club stays on plane at the top of the backswing. Hands, arms, and body work together in the downswing resulting in a straighter ball flight. ■

THE SECRET OF BUNKER SHOTS



By: Stephen Moriarty



If you struggle in bunkers then you are like many other amateur golfers. However, if you watch golf on the television you will often hear commentators say that professionals would rather see their ball finish in a bunker than miss it. How can it be that they find bunkers so easy, yet the rest of the golfing world struggle so much to escape them?

THE SECRET IS HAVING A BALL POSITION THAT MATCHES YOUR SWING.

TO FIND YOUR IDEAL BALL POSITION:

- Make practice swings and see where your club strikes the sand.
- If the club strikes the sand nearer to your right foot, that is where your ball should be positioned.
- If it is closer to your left foot, then it should be positioned there.
- If you struggle to hit the sand in a consistent place then work on keeping your lower body as stable as possible until impact is consistent.

Keep a check of this over your first few rounds of golf and adjust as needed. ■

LOW SPINNING 50-YARD PITCH SHOT



By: David Bradshaw

One shot that can “wow” is a low 50-yard pitch shot that stops very quickly. With a little bit of understanding you can go out and practice this shot which is easier than you think.

To play this shot it is important that you are using a wedge that has clean grooves to create spin and a ball that has a soft cover. Ideally, start with a 56-degree wedge.

The clubhead should be travelling on a shallow angle of attack as it strikes the ball. You should be making little to no divot.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO CHANGE?

Many golfers put the ball too far right in their stance (opposite the right foot), but to play this low spinning pitch shot you cannot put the ball too far to the right. You are going to have to position the ball in the middle of your stance and your weight should be distributed towards the target.

When you address the ball aim slightly to the right of the flag. This is going to encourage a change in swing path, which is an important part of hitting this shot.

For the ball trajectory to be lower you will need to de-loft the club through impact. To do this, aim the clubface at the target even though your body is aiming right.

As you swing the club you should have the feeling that you are swinging on the line of your body, which is pointing to the right of the target. You need your swing path to be in to out as this will help create spin. Lastly, clubhead speed is also key to creating more spin, the faster the clubhead is travelling the more the ball will spin. ■



1 Ball position central, weight a little left



2 Body aims to right of the target, clubface aims at the target



3 Swing along the direction of your body. In to out path



4 Generate more clubhead speed



DANNY'S EYES ON ADT

BNI
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Golf Tour

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LEADERS

HOLE

PLAYERS

TOTAL

18	DANNY M	9
17	JORDAN	3
16	IAN ANDREW	2
15	AHMI REZA	1



Danny Masrin won his second title on the Indonesian Golf Tour 2016. The victory has added to his motivation to win higher-level tournaments.

In the last three tournaments of the BNI Indonesian Golf Tour Danny Masrin has been in the title race. Only with the exception of the first round of the 5th event has Danny fallen below 2nd position. It's this consistency that has delivered him two titles, the most recent at the 6th event in the IGT series, held at Imperial Klub Golf.

Compared to his performance at the 4th tournament of the series - his first professional win - Danny's game at Imperial Klub Golf was even more impressive. He shot a total of 9-under for the tournament, producing a score of 5-under (67) in the most important round of the week, the final day. He cemented a solid victory of six strokes over Jordan Irawan and seven strokes over Ian Andrew, who had been Danny's closest competitor in the final round before making a

Photography : IGT



frustrating double bogey on the last hole.

"This is my best game for IGT. I hope it can continue," said Danny, who had taken the lead from the first round of the event. "This should have been played in every event."

Danny admitted that his victory at the 4th event had lifted his self-confidence and helped him to play better at Imperial. The difference was clear to see: in the 4th event Danny made 14 birdies against 10 bogeys, while in the 6th event Danny scored 14 birdies and one eagle against only five bogeys

and one double bogey.

"I learnt a lot when I played in the IGT series. My main goal is to win the ADT (Asian Development Tour) event. So, for me, winning the IGT title is like getting an extra bonus. However, this winning was good for me to play in the ADT," stated Danny.

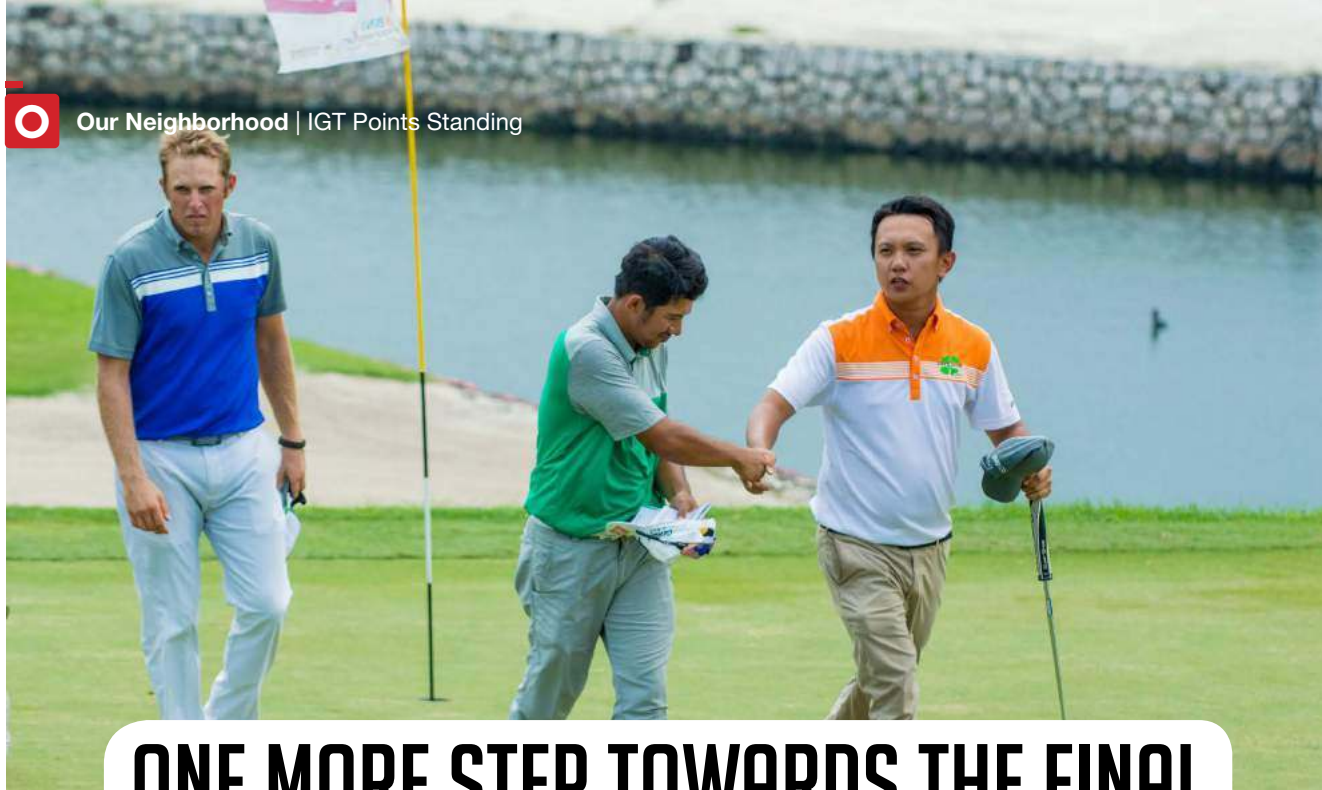
Meanwhile, runner-up position for Ian secures his stance at the top of Indonesian Golf Tour Points Standing. He leads with 1080 points, 209 points over Jordan Surya Irawan who is in second place. It's proof of Ian's



consistent performance throughout the season.

"I got a lesson in the experience and mental sparring because I often play abroad. Since competing in the Asian Development Tour events, I have [a better] scoring average. In the ADT I usually play in four tournaments in a row. Then, I learned to play consistently in every tournament. This experience apparently really helps me in the IGT events," Ian commented. ■

- 1 Danny Masrin
- 2 Irmansyah, Gavin Webb, Jemin Saputra (L to R)
- 3 James Bowen
- 4 Syukrizal, the Low Amateur winner



ONE MORE STEP TOWARDS THE FINAL

Competition is hotting up as Danny Masrin joins the Top 3 in the IGT Points Standing. His victory at the 6th event of BNI Indonesian Golf Tour (IGT) co-presented by OB Golf & Ancora Sports puts him on 700 points, 380 behind the leader, Ian Andrew.

With just one more tournament of the IGT before the Grand Final, both Jordan and

Danny still have a chance to knock Ian off the top spot. However, to do so certainly won't be an easy task. One of them would need to win both of the last two tournaments, but not only that, Ian would also need to finish outside of the Top 5 in both events – an unlikely occurrence given the consistency of his play.

Meanwhile, the struggle at the bottom of the board is also getting fierce. The 7th event

will be the final battle to gain a spot in the Top 30. The best 30 players win the chance to compete in the Grand Final which has a total purse of IDR 300 million for professionals. At the end of the season, the leader of the IGT Points Standing will get a special invite to play in the 2017 Asian Development Tour events.

TOP 50 IGT POINTS STANDING AFTER THE 6th SERIES

NO	PLAYERS	TOTAL POINT
1	Ian Andrew	1.080
2	Jordan Irawan	871
3	Danny Masrin	700
4	I Ketut Sugiarta	598
5	J. Andrew Wirawan	575
6	Kurnia Herisiandy	467
7	Rinaldi Adiyandono	442
8	Fahmi Reza	397
9	George Gandranata	378
10	Benita Y. Kasiadi	364
11	Rory Hie	354
12	Ditya Novianto	332
13	Rudi Anto	297
14	Sanusi	291
15	Hendry Nasim	289
16	Ramadhan Alwie	264
17	Sarmilih	234

NO	PLAYERS	TOTAL POINT
18	Nasin Surachman	225
19	Harjito	200
20	Junaidi Ibrahim	171
21	Indra Hermawan	162
22	Denny Wijaya	160
23	Suprpto	142
24	Ade Sebul	136
25	Asugann	133
26	Asep Saefulloh	129
27	Fajar Win Nuryanto	110
28	Johannes Dermawan	106
29	Andi Soeyatmo	100
30	Andik Mauludin	99
31	Dede Idris	92
32	Supriyatna	81
33	Maan Nasim	79
34	Yudiansyah	77

NO	PLAYERS	TOTAL POINT
35	Yahya Abidin	75
36	Irmansyah	68
37	Denni Hermawan	66
38	Ilyassak	61
39	Mahpudin	58
40	Sim Min Sub	53
41	Selly	52
42	Jamel Ondo	47
43	Kim Jung Han	45
44	Hamzah Rahmadi	41
45	Aria Kamsuri	39
46	Ahmad	39
47	Syahabudin	35
48	Stefan Christian	35
49	Tony Blacker	34
50	Sofyan Idup	29

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IAN SPRINTS AWAY



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Ian Andrew has proven that he can play consistently during the 2016 IGT. After claiming his second IGT title this season, Ian is on the way to be the Player of the Year.

As the 5th Series of the BNI Indonesian Golf Tour (IGT) co-presented by Ancora Sports came to a close, Ian Andrew's position at the top of the Indonesian Golf Tour Points Standing was strengthened. The result of the event, which was held at Jakarta Golf Club on August 10th, gives Ian a stronger chance of staying at the top of the Indonesian golf professionals ranking.

With a total score of 208 (2-under) for the three-day event, Ian claimed his second of the 2016 IGT titles by three strokes over James Bowen and Danny Masrin. Through this win, Ian not only secured his sixth IGT title since 2014, he also demonstrated his maturity in the golf game competition.

After the first round, Ian and five other players were all tied fourth. With a score of even-par (70) they were just one stroke behind the leaders James Bowen, Elki Kow, and Cahyo Adhitomo. In the second round, Ian moved to the top of the leaderboard with a score of 2-under par, sharing the lead with Danny who also scored 68 for the round.

"Yesterday I just played safe, keeping my score close to the leader. Today I tried more aggressive. My short game was good, so I could make a good score today," said Ian. "Tomorrow I will apply the same strategy as today."

Well, Ian followed his game plan for the last round. As the final group, which consisted of Ian, Danny, and George Gandranata finished the 14th

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- 1 Ian Andrew
- 2 George G.
- 3 Elki Kow, the Low Amateur Winner
- 4 Rifqi Alam

“My concentration was interrupted because with two holes left there’s a possibility that he would pass me.”

hole, Ian’s name was still at the top on 4-under. Danny, the closest competitor, was still at even-par. Despite Ian making back-to-back bogeys on the 15th and 16th, Danny wasn’t able to catch Ian, making a bogey himself on the 17th. The title belonged to Ian.

“My concentration was interrupted because with two holes left there’s a possibility that he would pass me. However, when Danny got a bogey and I made a par in the 17th, I was pretty sure that I will win,” said Ian.

This victory secures Ian’s stance at the top of Indonesian Golf Tour Points Standing. He leads with 800 points, 239 points over Jordan Surya Irawan who is in second place. It’s proof of Ian’s consistent performance throughout the season.

“I got a lesson in the experience and mental sparring because I often play abroad. Since competing in the Asian Development Tour (ADT) events, I have scoring average. In ADT I can usually play in four tournaments in a row. Then, I learned to play consistently in every tournament. This experience apparently really helps me in the IGT events,” said Ian.

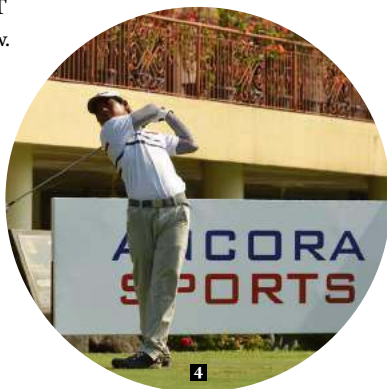
Ian’s seems to have the fire to win the last two series before heading to the IGT Grand Final, “I was determined that I should win every tournament that I compete. If I do not play well, then I get nothing.” ■



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IAN'S CAREER RECORDS



THE 2015 IGT

Series	Pos	R1	R2	R3	Total	To Par
1 st	33	74	76	74	224	8
2 nd	1	72	68	67	207	-9
3 rd	7	69	74	74	217	1
4 th	19	72	72	73	217	1
5 th	24	73	76	80	229	16
6 th	3	73	73	70	216	E
7 th	1	71	71	70	212	-4

THE 2016 IGT

Series	Pos	R1	R2	R3	Total	To Par
1 st	T6	70	75	70	215	-1
2 nd	1	72	69	65	206	-10
3 rd	T7	73	70	71	214	-2
4 th	3	72	72	71	215	-1
5 th	1	70	68	70	208	-2

FINAL RESULT THE 5th SERIES OF INDONESIA GOLF TOUR (IGT) JAKARTA GOLF CLUB

Pos	Name	R1	R2	R3	Total	To par
1	Ian Andrew	70	68	70	208	-2
2	James Bowen	69	72	70	211	+1
2	Danny Masrin	70	68	73	211	+1
4	Elki Kow (A)	69	73	70	212	-1
4	George G.	72	69	71	212	Par
6	Syukrizal (A)	76	68	69	213	Par



TWO FIRST-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

The 2016 Indonesian Amateur Golf National Championship generated two champions who each claimed their first national titles.



Inez Beatrice Wanamarta and Fadhli Rahman Soetarso celebrated their first national titles at Gading Raya Padang Golf & Klub. They both won with strong performances at the tournament held July 26th to 29th.

Inez won by six strokes over Ida Ayu Indira Melati, claiming her first national trophy. Her victory was secured by her impressive performance in the final round with a score of 5-under, 67. "Before starting to play here, I walked past the trophy which was displayed on the stage. I thought, 'I want the trophy'. And it feels great," said East Java athlete.

Meanwhile, Fadhli finished the final round of the event with a total score of 281. His 7-under par score beat Adrian Halimi by five strokes. "My goal was to score an under-par. And it surpassed my target," stated the 21-year-old University of Kentucky student.

In the team category, the Special Capital Region of Jakarta (DKI Jakarta) won the title in the men's division, while East Java claimed the ladies division title. The National Championship was held to select the country's best players. "They are projected to be the framework of the national team," said Anthony Chandra, the Tournament Chairman of the Indonesia Golf Association. ■



THE 14th CREDIT SUISSE AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

THE MATCH PLAY EVENT IN INDONESIA

For Cahyo Adhitomo winning amateur tournaments is not something new. It's always a happy moment, but he explained that winning the match play tournament is different.

“This is more encouraging. I finished with a long process. Not only that, the match play format ‘forced’ us to read the competitor’s game in addition to also focusing on our game. In stroke play format, we just concentrate on the game itself,” said Cahyo, who has won the “The Credit Suisse Amateur Match Play Championship” two times.

The Credit Suisse Amateur Match Play Championship is the only international event in Indonesia which uses a match play format. This October, 10th to 13th, players will have a chance to win the 14th edition of the event at Gunung Geulis Golf & Country Club, Bogor. It’s a long journey to becoming the match play winner though; the event comprises 108 holes (six rounds) in the three-day event.

If they’re to win, participants must be prepared for a variety of events that can happen in match play format. If two players draw then the match is continued with additional holes until one player wins the match. If a match is not finished the previous day due to bad weather then the players have to continue that match in addition to the regular schedule, resulting in an even longer day on the course.

This year, Gunung Geulis has prepared its course for all the participants of the 14th Credit Suisse Amateur Match Play Championship which is supported by OB Golf. It’s sure to provide an unforgettable challenge to all the players.

“We do our best to prepare the course. Gunung Geulis Golf & Country Club offers challenges which are not common, such as the 1st hole which has an elevation up to 60 meters from the tee-box into the landing area. It’s one of the challenges of the 18 holes which will be experienced by the participants of the 14th Credit Suisse Amateur Match Play Championship,” said Lukas Budiman, Director of Operations Gunung Geulis Golf & Country Club.

The 14th Credit Suisse Amateur Match Play Championship 2016 will be attended by the national and international best amateur players with a maximum 7.7 USGA Handicap Index. The tournament, which is sanctioned by the Indonesian Golf Association, is prestigious because it is listed in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) so the winner of the tournament will gain a point in the World Amateur Ranking. ■



Cahyo Adhitomo

ROAD TO BE COMING A MATCH PLAY WINNER

Qualifying	: 18 holes (stroke play)
Round of 16	: 18 holes (match play)
Quarter-final	: 18 holes (match play)
Semi-final	: 18 holes (match play)
Final	: 36 holes (match play)



2016 HABITAT GOLF DAY

PUTT & GIVE

Habitat for Humanity has a great way to raise funds. By holding a golf event, Habitat not just provides enjoyment for all the participants, but also builds a caring spirit in new philanthropists.



On September 5th, Habitat for Humanity Indonesia held its 6th annual golf tournament at Royale Jakarta Golf Club. Habitat for Humanity, which was founded on May 1, 1997, is dependant on charitable donations and sponsors to fund their building projects. To date, it has served more than 45,000 families throughout Indonesia.

Habitat's vision is to build homes for families in need and the goal of the tournament was to raise money to enable this. With the fundraising wrapped in a golf tournament, OB Golf handled the organization of the tournament, which took on a circus theme. With this theme, participants in the event enjoyed a playful and magical atmosphere with their game of golf.

More than 130 players took part in the charity event and enjoyed their round at

Royale Jakarta, especially putting on the course's famously smooth greens. After the tournament, at the awards presentation, the Habitat for Humanity Indonesia Chairman, Jimmy Masrin, thanked all the participants for their unending support and for helping to make the event a success.

The fundraising event raised awareness and encouraged the new philanthropists to help others via Habitat for Humanity. By the end of the day, enough funds were raised to build 40 new homes for families in need. ■





2016 HABITAT GOLF DAY PUTT 'N' GIVE

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THE 10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HEPI FOR HAPPY HEARTS



Continuing on from the big success of last year's charity event, HEPI Golf Club once again organized their annual charity tournament. Differing from last year's event, this year was also the 10th anniversary celebration of the club, which was formed in 2006.

The event, titled "HEPI for Happy Hearts," was held on August 26th at Royale Jakarta Golf Club. At the anniversary celebration, 148 HEPI golf members and their guests not only enjoyed the experience of togetherness and brotherhood, but also raised money for charity. This year HEPI Golf Club collaborated with Happy Hearts Fund Indonesia, a non-profit organization dedicated to rebuilding schools and helping communities in need. Through this event HEPI Golf Club has helped Happy Hearts Fund with their noble purpose of ensuring better education for people in Indonesia. "HEPI Golf Club is not just a community of golfers who like to play golf, using our values and networks, we are consistently trying to find better ways to give



back to the community through golf. This year we collaborated with Happy Hearts Fund Indonesia. Hopefully HEPI can continue to hold an annual big tournament with different partners and themes each year," said Christopher Aditya, Chairman of HEPI Golf Club.


Whilst playing at Royale Jakarta, one of the city's most popular golf destinations, the participants enjoyed superior course conditions along with beautiful golfing weather. The tournament followed a stroke play format and after finishing the games all the participants savored a delicious dinner with entertainment organized by the OB Golf event team. ■



GOLF AS A STRESS RELIEVER

Regular exercise, even moderate like golf, is an effective way to keep your mind away from food and reduce stress.





Nowadays, stress levels are increasing, especially for those living in capital cities such as Jakarta. There are many factors that contribute to stress, such as work and career competition, financial problems, and traffic. A slight amount of stress can help us become more motivated in dealing with life issues. However, if stress is not managed it can lead to many problems. Moderate to high intensity stress can cause psychological problems and disorders ranging from anxiety, depression, sleep and eating disturbances, to schizophrenia.

Unfortunately not many people have the access, time, or knowledge of the right methods to treat their stress. One of the easiest ways to overcome stress for many people is by using food as their source of happiness and stress reliever. Why? Because

food is everywhere. It is easy to get, the prices vary from cheap to expensive, and eating food has become a lifestyle.

Because of those reasons, many people have become emotional eaters, a condition where people eat high-calorie, high-carbohydrate food with low nutritional value in response to stress. If untreated, emotional overeating can cause obesity, problems with weight loss, and even can lead to food addiction.

There are actually many fun, healthy, and positive ways to release stress. One of them is by exercising. A study from University of Maryland found that moderate exercise, such as playing golf, may reduce existing anxiety and help protect people against future anxiety and stress. Moderate exercise like golf was also more effective than quiet rest at reducing anxiety.

THERE ARE A FEW REASONS THAT EXPLAIN WHY GOLF IS A GOOD METHOD FOR DEALING WITH STRESS

- Going back to nature gives a sense of relaxation. Being with nature can clear our mind and distract us from our problems. In fact, a study from The Green Exercise Research Team at the University of Essex found that being exposed to nature improves psychological health by reducing stress levels, enhancing mood and self-esteem, and offering a restorative environment which enables people to relax, unwind, and recharge their batteries.
- People suffer from stress usually exclude themselves from their friends. They avoid seeing their friends and need time alone. However, rather than excluding themselves, people who are stressed need a supportive environment. People under stress require the presence of others to give them support. Playing golf can toughen and beat the sense of loneliness. It allows us to share stories and get positive feedback from others in a relaxing and unconditional environment.

- Physical activity can reduce stress. Exercise and other physical activity produce endorphins. Endorphins are a chemical in the brain that acts as natural painkillers. They can improve our ability to relax, sleep, and also reduce stress.
- Playing golf takes concentration. If we keep our mind on something that is engaging and exciting it can distract us from thinking about our problems. Not only that, having a sense of achievement about something like finishing the game can boost our self-esteem and confidence in dealing with our everyday problems.

In conclusion, rather than using unhealthy ways of reducing stress, playing golf can be a positive option to combat stress. Playing golf is a combination of relaxation from being in nature, having a supportive environment by making friends with other people, having a touch of good competition to increase our self-worth, and getting our body fit to support our positive mind.

Playing golf once is enough to combat a pile-up of stress from the week and get your energy back to face the week ahead. ■

Tara de Thouars, B.A., M.Psi.

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Slim d'Hermes





Mencoba Lapangan Golf Terbaik di Thailand

KHAO YAI

Berjarak 2,5 jam dari Bangkok, Khao Yai yang terkenal dengan wine kelas dunia ini memiliki berbagai lapangan golf berkualitas tinggi.

- **Ranco Charnvee Country Club**
Lapangan karya Bob McFarland yang cocok dimainkan oleh pemain dengan segala tingkat kemampuan.
- **Kirimaya Golf Resort & Spa**
Lapangan karya Jack Nicklaus ini merupakan salah satu lapangan paling alami di Thailand dengan resor golf bintang 5 berkualitas terbaik di Khao Yai

HUA HIN

Menawarkan berbagai objek wisata menarik seperti Santorini Park a la Yunani serta The Venezia a la Italia, bintang baru di pariwisata Thailand ini hanya berjarak 3 jam dari Bangkok.

- **Banyan Golf Club**
Terletak di antara dua pegunungan yang indah, lapangan ini patut dicoba karena lokasinya yang ideal, dengan desain yang profesional, serta clubhouse yang mewah.
- **Black Mountain Golf Club**
Lapangan ini merupakan satu-satunya lapangan di Thailand yang termasuk dalam 100 lapangan terbaik di luar AS versi Golf Digest.

PATTAYA & SEKITARNYA

Merupakan salah satu destinasi populer di sekitar Bangkok, Pattaya menawarkan banyak lapangan golf dengan kualitas dunia.

- **St. Andrews 2000 Golf Club**
Salah satu lapangan tercantik di Thailand yang penuh tantangan. Lapangan ini terhubung dengan dua lapangan Rayong Green Valley dan Silky Oat, sehingga secara total ada 54 hole tersedia untuk Anda taklukan di sini.
- **Laem Chabang International Country Club**
Lapangan 27-hole karya Jack Nicklaus ini merupakan salah satu yang terbaik di Thailand. Memiliki rintangan alami seperti formasi batuan, danau, lembah, serta pepohonan hutan yang lebat, padang golf ini juga memiliki banyak buker dan jebakan yang menuntut fokus para pemain.

BANGKOK DAN SEKITARNYA

Ibukota Thailand ini memang lebih terkenal sebagai pusat belanja dan kuliner, namun lapangan golf di Bangkok memiliki daya tarik yang sulit ditolak dan tentunya pengalaman golf yang tak terlupakan

- **Riverdale**
Salah satu lapangan paling populer karya Jonathan Morrow dan Al Tikkanen. Lapangan ini memiliki fairway mulu dengan banyak danau, green yang tinggi, bunker yang bagus, serta bukit yang membatasi beberapa hamparan layout.
- **Amata Spring Country Club**
Salah satu klub privat kelas dunia yang pernah menjadi lokasi kejuaraan Royal Trophy (6 juara Eropa melawan 6 juara Asia), dan pernah terpilih sebagai lapangan terbaik dari The Asian Tour.

- 1 The Banyan Golf Club, Hua Hin
- 2 Black Mountain, Hua Hin
- 3 Kirimaya

This is the Real Bali

INESH PUTRI TJIPTADI
BALI NATIONAL GOLF RESORT AMBASSADOR

Last August, Bali National Golf Resort appointed Inesh Putri Tjiptadi as their club ambassador. This cooperation juxtaposes Bali National Golf Resort and Inesh as the perfect team.

Both are two different icons, but they have one particular thing in common: they symbolize the beauty of the Island of the Gods. Bali National Golf Resort, which completed its re-design and renovations in 2014, has become a new icon of Bali - a resort boasting all the facilities of a world-class golf course. Meanwhile, as an Indonesian beauty pageant titleholder, who was crowned Miss Indonesia 2012, Inesh represents the beauty of the Balinese people. Therefore, with these two icons side by side, they are the perfect partnership to promote Bali as an international travel destination.



Photography: Bali National

Bali as Inesh's home

Inesh was born and grew up in Bali and still resides on the island with her family. Despite being elected as Miss Indonesia and now being well-known everywhere, she feels that Bali is her true home. "In Bali, I'm more relaxed. Aside from it's my home, Bali is not very image oriented. The life in here is simple and the people are also friendly," said the 26-year-old beauty.

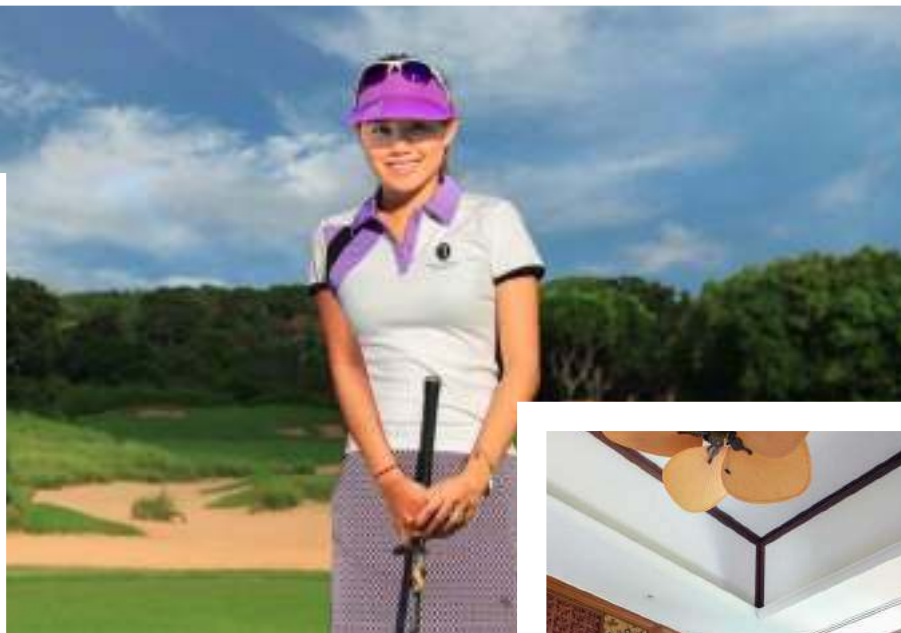
Bali is not only great for vacations, but it's also a great place to live

Although some areas of Bali become very busy during the high season, Inesh enjoys her life on the island. She is pleased that Bali has become a major destination for tourists. "It is an opportunity to develop business in the tourism sector. However, if we live in areas which are not tourist attractions, Bali is actually a great place to live," said Inesh, who finished Top 13 of the 2012 Miss World competition.

Inesh as a golfer

Before being elected as Miss Indonesia, Inesh was known as a golf athlete who played in the National Games (PON) and SEA Games. She won a gold and silver medal in the 2004 PON. Inesh started to play golf from the age of 12. By trial and error, Inesh made progress in the sport which ultimately delivered her into various national and international tournaments.

"This is a challenging sport as we face different challenges in each of the golf course. Therefore, we are required to overcome the challenge. I love golf because this is not a common sport," added the Bradenton University alumnus.



Inesh as Bali National Golf Club Ambassador

Being a Bali native with a background as a golf athlete, and also living on the Island of the Gods, Bali National Golf Resort appointed Inesh as the Bali National Golf Club Ambassador. "I am pleased with this appointment. I want to show it to people out there, this is Bali National Golf Resort. This is a new golf course. And this is my home course," stated Inesh.

Inesh said that in addition to being very easy to reach because of its location, Bali National Golf Club boasts a fantastic course layout, grass quality, caddies, locker rooms, and the overall services of a five star hotel. "This course is really professional. The course is managed very well. They think of every aspect for all golfers who wish to play Bali National Golf Club," she added.

Not only that, Inesh explained that the Bali National Golf Villas (BNGV), which border the course, provide the opportunity for golfers and

their families to stay in complete luxury at Bali National Golf Course. "It's a very nice place. I am quite impressed. It's a good price for a great place with its facilities and its spacious area. You can bring all your family to stay there," remarked Inesh, who had the opportunity to stay at BNGV and experience the personal butler service that's provided in each villa.

However, Inesh feels that the most important thing is that the BNGV also deliver the famed Balinese culture so that anyone who stays still feels and experiences the magical Bali atmosphere. Each villa overlooks the golf course and is surrounded by beautiful natural scenery for a truly tranquil retreat. "This place is the real Bali, not like city life. The Bali National Golf Resort is an attraction for tourists who wish to experience the Balinese atmosphere of the real Bali and escape from city crowds," said Inesh. ■

The Gateway to Soematra

With a wealth of history, cultural diversity, and the beauty of the natural world surrounding it, the city of Medan offers a variety of experiences and the gateway to Sumatra.



"In addition to the colonial architectural sites, Medan has a diverse range of ethnicities and cultures."

Although Medan is the third largest city in Indonesia, the capital city of North Sumatra is not a tourist hotspot when compared to cities in Java and Bali. With the opening of the new, modern Kualanamu International Airport, situated just 39km from the heart of the city, Medan, which was called Deli and dubbed as Parijs van Soematra in the Dutch colonial era, is looking to change that. The city has begun experiencing a growth in tourism as people learn that it has much to offer and provides the ideal starting point for those who want to explore Sumatra.

Sumatra was one of the great islands of the Dutch colonial era and in Medan it's possible to get a glimpse into this bygone era. Worldwide real estate portal Lamudi, recognizes Medan as one of six cities in Asia to feature and preserve

its colonial architectural sites. The sites include the old City Hall, the Medan Post Office, Inna Dharma Deli Hotel, Titi Gantung (a bridge over the railway), the London Sumatra building, Tjong A Fie Mansion, Warenhuis, and the Tirtanadi Water Tower. These sites are nestled harmoniously within the modern metropolis.

In addition to the colonial architectural sites, Medan has a diverse range of ethnicities and cultures. The city's residents are Malaysian, Chinese, Javanese, Toba-Batak, Minangkabau, Mandailing Batak, Karo Batak, along with many more ethnic minorities. Medan has no single ethnic group that forms a majority. As a result of this diversity Medan has become something of a culinary melting pot. Much of the food in Medan originates from other areas: Sate Padang from the Minang people of West Sumatra and

Ayam Penyet from Java have been perfected in the North Sumatran capital city. Medan offers tourists the unique opportunity to learn about the culture through the "non-touristy" aspects of their traditions.

Once the eating and city sightseeing is done, visitors can go onwards to explore the numerous areas of natural beauty within this region. A day trip to Gunung Leuser National Park, located just 86km from Medan, offers lush greenery and wildlife. In Bukit Lawang or Ketambe village enjoy an elephant trek and visit the orang-utan reserve. Just an hour drive away from Medan is Lake Toba, where the dual-colored Sibolangit waterfall at the foot of Mount Sibayak can be seen. Other places to explore include Lake Siombak or Lake Lau Kawar and Kawah Putih Tinggi Raja (White Crater). ■

Places to Visit



> TANGKAHAN

Tangkahan offers eco tourism. It is a small village on the border of Gunung Leuser National Park in North Sumatra. Located at the junction of 2 rivers, the Buluh River and the Batang River, Tangkahan is a good place for tourists who like outdoor activities such as jungle trekking, elephant trekking, and bat cave exploring. There are 7 trained elephants at Tangkahan which are available for jungle trekking.



> SIPOSI PISO WATERFALL

Located at Tonggiang village, 45 Kilometers from Berastagi, the northern end of Lake Toba, there is one of the tallest waterfalls in Indonesia which is called Sipiso-piso waterfall. The waterfall which has about 800 meters above sea level offers beautiful scenery and fascinating sightseeing. You can reach the bottom of the waterfall by walking into steep and winding trails.



> LAKE TOBA

Lake Toba (Indonesian: Danau Toba) is one of the most popular destinations in Indonesia, especially in Medan, North Sumatra. The Lake which has an area of 1,707 km² is the largest volcanic lake in Indonesia. There is an island which called Samosir. From Medan, it takes 4-5 hours to reach Lake Toba.



> BERASTAGI

If in Java there are Puncak Bogor, Lembang Bandung and Batu Malang which become a tourist center in the weekend, Medan has Berastagi which has 4,594 feet above sea level as a tourist attraction which always is visited by tourists. Located in Karo highland, the town is known for its plantation and various vegetables and fruits. You will enjoy the beautiful view of Sibayak Mountain and Sinabung Mountain. Berastagi can be reached within a 3 hours' drive from Medan.

Local Food



● ARSIK IKAN MAS

Arsik is an Indonesian fish dish which originally Batak Toba and Mandailing tribes. It usually uses gold fish (common carp or ikan Mas-Indonesian) using herbs from torch ginger fruit (asam cikala), and andaliman (Indonesian: szechuan pepper). Common Indonesian spices such as shallots, garlic, ginger, fresh turmeric root and chili are also used.



● MIE GOMAK

It is called spaghetti dari tanah Batak. Derived from Balige area on the banks of Lake Toba, this noodle later becomes typical food of Medan people. The raw materials of this noodle is only sold in North Sumatra. The noodles are shaped like a stick, so it is noodles stick. These noodles can also be eaten with rice cake soup mix or peanut flavor.

● LONTONG MEDAN

This rice of cake generally is the main menu for breakfast in Medan. The dish consists of a mixture of rice cake, anchovy sambal beans, Medan tauco (soy paste), noodles, peanut sauce, vegetable sauce, plus red and white crackers. There is also an extra egg and perkedel (potato fritters or Dutch: frikadelle). The processed soy is blended with shrimp or vegetable tauco.



● SATE PADANG MEDAN

This satay is actually derived from Padang, West Sumatra. However, the taste of Sate Padang in Medan is quite different than sate of Padang. It has taste more spicy with a chewy ketupat, a type of dumpling made from rice packed inside a diamond-shaped container of oven palm leaf pouch. In addition, there are several choices of meat for satay, namely beef, lamb, scallops, and the stem of the tongue.



● SOTO MEDAN

Soto is also quite well known in Medan. This soto sauce is thick because it is cooked with coconut milk once squeezed. It was served with potato cakes and rich spices. Chips, potatoes, eggs, tomatoes, and onions were a friend to the soup when it is served. There are also two option of soto: meat or chicken. There is also serving with an extra bean sprouts and rice noodles

★ POPULAR BEVERAGE

KOPI SIDIKALANG (SIDIKALANG COFFEE)

Your culinary experience isn't complete in Medan if you have not enjoyed Sidikalang coffee. The coffee originates from Sidikalang, Dairi, a cool mountain area 163km from Medan. It is a well-known coffee around the world, popular for its low acidity, full body, delicate and mild flavor, with nutty and spicy aromas.





Royal Sumatra Golf & Country Club

An Oasis In The Third Largest City

There are five golf courses in the Medan area. One of them is Royal Sumatra Golf & Country Club.

Opened for play in 1998, Royal Sumatra Golf & Country Club is located on the largest residential complex in Medan city. After being temporarily closed for a renovation to meet international standards, Royal Sumatra Golf & Country Club reopened to the public in 2006. Situated on an area of 254 hectares, the course carries the theme of “one stop living” with various facilities around it, including an international school, city-walk shopping, restaurants, and other recreation and sports facilities.

With amazing views of the famous Bukit Barisan & Berastagi Mountains, visitors are bound to have a different experience when playing on the

18-hole course that was designed by renowned US golf course designer, JMP design group. Royal Sumatra has many unique and eye-catching holes spread out through the private, modern, cluster-style housing estate and natural forestland.

A variety of features await the avid golfer to provide challenges and ensure a strategy is required at all times. Fairways are generous in size to accommodate the beginner, however, strategically located white sand bunkers, creeks, and large lakes add a stern test for the avid golfer to say the least. Likely the most challenging feature of this championship layout is the multi-tiered and sloped putting greens which consistently run at fast speeds.

The first ten holes feature water hazards and huge bunkers, which offer challenges to all levels of players. One of the holes, the par 5 11th, has an undulating fairway and green with three levels of difficulties. Three dogleg holes, the 9th, 17th, and 18th, offer good opportunities for players to book birdies, or maybe an eagle if you're lucky! ■

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FACT FILE

Opened : 1998

Designer : JMP Golf Design Group

Hole : 18

Par : 72

Length : 6399 (black tee)

HOW TO GET THERE

Royal Sumatra Golf Club can be reached in 45 minutes by car from Kualanamu International Airport and in 20 minutes from the Central Business District of Medan.

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13th Hole

Indonesia's First Championship Par 3 Course

Perched on the spectacular natural limestone clifftops of Bali is a new 18-hole championship course. Actualizing a speed of play concept, the course is an interesting new attraction for local and international golfers.

Along the southern coastline of Bali lies Pandawa beach. Located in Kutuh Village, South Kuta District, the once quiet beach has been quickly gaining popularity among local weekenders and international visitors thanks to its spectacular scenery of limestone cliffs that border the Indian Ocean. Now the name of Pandawa is also carried by a golf course.

Bukit Pandawa Golf & Country Club is a brand-new 18-hole course that opened for play this October. This pristine course spans over 30 hectares and is the only par 3 course in Indonesia. Built on the limestone cliff tops overlooking the world-famous surf breaks of the Bukit Peninsula, golfers will enjoy the seemingly endless views and a number of rocky outcroppings. "We used the surface cliff

which is around everywhere along the ocean. We keep it as natural as possible," said the course architect of Bukit Pandawa Golf and Country Club.

The par-54 course offers an exciting and different experience for players who come to Bali. Ranging in length from 223 meters to 70 meters, the 18 championship-caliber par 3 golf holes are characterized by intricate green layouts and rustic architectural ruins in the traditional Balinese style. Not to mention, the spectacular views of the glistening azure Indian Ocean.

However, an even more unique feature of the course is its briefer length, ideal for those who have limited time. "It's a different golf course. It's not a long course or short course, probably in between. The concept about it: the

speed of play. I mean it's a modern golf course. People don't have time for playing for four to five hours. They can play here in only two and a half hours before work, after work, or even on vacation. So the time frame is fantastic," said Stephen Banks, General Manager of Bukit Pandawa Golf and Country Club.

Another noteworthy feature of Bukit Pandawa Golf & Country Club is its unique grassing scheme. The course is one of only three courses in the world to use the latest grass type of Pure Dynasty - a flexible and durable seeded variety of platinum paspalum. This recently developed grass type helps to generate a consistent speed in accordance with the international standard.

Designed by Bob Moore of JMP Golf Course Design, 14 holes of the course boast panoramic ocean views and all holes set out unique challenges to golfers, including numerous heavily contoured greens. "The greens are very undulating. There are greens with three to four pathways. So, it's not just about heading to the green, but it's about heading to the right place on the green," added Stephen.

When arriving at the 170 meter signature 13th hole, players will be amazed by the breathtaking vista that greets them. Gently sloping away from the tee, green terraces edged by limestone walls are reminiscent of rice paddies. Just beyond them, three bunkers nestle

into the hollows between grassy knolls that guard the green. A traditional Balinese Kul Kul tower majestically frames the hole with a seamless blue backdrop of sea and sky.

Also blending in elements of traditional design is the clubhouse. Located by the 18th hole, it is a harmonious example of both the old and new Balinese style. Guests can enjoy delicious meals in the spacious and stylish restaurant whilst overlooking the course and ocean beyond.

Several luxurious 5-star hotels to including the Mandarin Oriental, Waldorf Astoria, & Swissotel by FRHI, plus an exclusive fourth hotel soon to be unveiled, will encompass the golf course. ■



16th Hole



6th Hole

BUKIT PANDAWA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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Kuta Selatan - Badung, Bali 80361
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Designer : Bob Moore (JMP Golf Course Design)

Hole : 18 Hole

Par : 54

Black : 2,767 meters

Gold : 2,425 meters

Blue : 2,060 meters

Facilities : Pro-shop, practice putting green & 5 star deluxe catering facilities all set in a world-class clubhouse.



8th Hole



THE TROPICAL PARADISE OF KEDAH

Photography : istock

Malaysia has a glimmering jewel in its tourist crown – the island of Langkawi.

Langkawi Island is actually part of an archipelago of 104 islands of the same name in the azure blue waters of the Andaman Sea. Located about 30 km off the mainland coast of Northwestern Malaysia, the island, which is a part of the state of Kedah, is a popular retreat for tourists from near and far. As an island, Langkawi certainly offers the tropical paradise experience with white beaches, mountains, jungle, caves and hidden bays to explore.

Originally a sleepy backwater island, Langkawi began to get more tourist attention when the Malaysian government invested in transforming the island into a major tourist



"However, some areas of the island still highlight the traditional architecture that represents the true face of Langkawi."

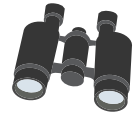
resort from 1987. To aid in increasing the number of tourists, the government also designated Langkawi as a tax-free zone.

However, the true advantage of Langkawi is its natural scenery and authentic atmosphere punctuated by wildlife conservation areas. This is why UNESCO has acknowledged the island as a World Geopark. Visitors can marvel at the beauty of the Geopark by using the Langkawi Sky Bridge which stretches above the rainforest.

In the resort areas, Langkawi gets an injection of modernity. However, some areas of the island still highlight the traditional architecture that represents the true face of Langkawi. There are still a number of beautiful and traditional countryside villages (kampong) which have been inhabited for generations, along with plenty of peaceful rural landscapes dotted with paddy fields.

The natural beauty is just one part of Langkawi's appeal. Visitors also have the opportunity to go snorkelling and diving, take sightseeing trips to popular destinations such as Telaga Tujuh (the Seven Wells) and the Beach of Black Sand, or play a round of golf at one of the 5-star resorts. ■





SCUBA DIVING & SNORKELLING: Payar Island, which is located 20km south of Langkawi, is the best place for underwater adventures. The island is home to healthy coral reefs and a wide variety of fish.



PANTAI CENANG: Pantai Cenang is the most popular beach in Langkawi. Green palms fringe the soft white sand and crystal clear water. Located at the Southwestern tip of the island, the 2km long beach offers a good place to swim and to do water sports. In the evening, Pantai Cenang is a popular area to eat, drink, and window shop. Accommodation in the area ranges from high-end resorts to budget hostels.

CABLE CAR & HANGING BRIDGE:

These are two of the most popular tourist attractions in langkawi. The cable car offers a 20-minute ride to the top of mount mat chinchang 709 metres above sea level. Views of the jungle, waterfalls, and rainforest can be seen along the journey. At the top station riders can then walk across the 700m langkawi sky bridge to experience spectacular views of the islands and thailand in the distance. The cable car operates year-round but is closed in bad weather.



SEVEN WELLS (TELAGA TUJUH WATERFALLS):

These wells come from seven natural water springs, which originate at the top of the mountain. According to fairy tale, the wells are where fairies come to bathe. There are two areas at Telaga Tujuh, the lower area is the waterfall base and the higher is the seven pools. To get to seven pools, visitors must climb more than 600 steps that can be slippery when wet.

ABOUT MGTA



The Malaysia Golf Tourism Association is a non-profit making organization whose goal is to create greater international awareness of Malaysia as Asia's Best Kept Secret when it comes to golfing holidays. MGTA works to bring more tourists to Malaysia and experience the magnificent array of golf from the mountains to the beach and the cities to the rainforests. MGTA is the portal for overseas elite travelers to discover Malaysia through a collective of golf clubs and tour operators, working together to educate and inform potential visitors, and address specific issues that will raise performance and ensure joint goals are met. MGTA works closely with Tourism Malaysia and the clubs and courses in Malaysia, as well as the media and corporate world.

The ELS Club Teluk Datai

Ernie's Legacy at Langkawi

This year the Els Club Teluk Datai is included in Golf Digest's World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses. It's one of only three Southeast Asian courses to make the list.

The Els Club Teluk Datai, Langkawi

Golf Digest has named the Els Club Teluk Datai as the best Malaysian course along with including it in its annual World's 100 Greatest Golf Course rundown. It is the latest recognition received by the course, which is located on the island of Langkawi's northwest coast.

Originally opened for play in 1992 as The Golf Club Datai Bay, the course immediately put Langkawi on the map of golf destinations. Then, Ernie Els, a four-time Major champion, redesigned and renovated the course in 2012-2013 and the 47-hectare Els Club Teluk Datai was born.

Just a few months after the opening in 2014, the Els Club was named as Best New Golf Course in Asia at the inaugural 2014 World Golf Awards; an accolade that has been followed by numerous other awards.

The 18-hole par 72 winds through jungle in the 500-hectare rainforest reserve and over the slopes of the beautiful Gunung Mat Chinchang. Some holes are in close proximity to the mesmerizing emerald green Andaman Sea where the wind will come directly into play. A uniquely memorable feature, or rather lack thereof, is that the Els Club has no sand bunkers. Instead, the bunkers were replaced by natural "hazards" such as tropical vegetation and streams. This move was intended to honor the natural surroundings.

Els, who has collected more than 60 worldwide tournament wins, has admitted to "being blown away" by the distinct and stunning landscape in which the course is set. Speaking after the opening he said, "This is, without doubt, the most spectacular golf course setting I have had the pleasure of working on and it was gratifying to see

everyone's reaction at the official opening and to hear their comments on seeing this course. They were really blown away by the sheer beauty of the location and the quality of the layout." ■

FACTFILE

The Els Club Teluk Datai

The Datai Langkawi

Jalan Teluk Datai, 07000

Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia

Designer : Ernie Els

Hole & Par : 18 & 72

Opened : 1992

Length : 6,760 yards

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