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PCD Course listed in World TOP 100

Golf Digest

The Golf Digest Magazine is one of the world's oldest golf magazines, having been published for over 60 years. The golf course rankings have been the benchmark of course ratings since they began in 1985. The rankings are updated every 3 years, and created by tabulating the course evaluations of hundreds of voluntary panelists. Courses are rated on 7 criteria and need to be visited by at least 45 panelists to get on the list.

In May Black Mountain Golf Club, Hua Hin – Thailand became the first golf course in Thailand to ever be rated in the top 100. Only 13 Asian courses are on the list. The course has already received numerous award through the Asian Golf Monthly Annual Awards as well as hosting both the Royal Trophy and several European tour events. PCD undertook the initial site planning and golf design for the course and recently completed the design of a further 9 hole par 3 course (the Dragons Breath) at the site.



Seminar Success



PCD Director, Phil Ryan, recently participated in a 'Future of Golf Seminar in Myanmar'. Almost 50 representatives of local golf courses, developers and the Myanmar Golf Association participated in the 2 day seminar. Topics included project planning, golf courses development and golf course maintenance. The Seminar was arranged through the Myanmar Golf PCD Director Paul Reeves has been invited to participate in a similar seminar in Colombo, Sri Lanka in July. If interested in further details contact PCD at pcdgolf@golf-designers.com



Clover Greens plays host to National Tournament



Clover Greens Golf Club in Bangalore has been open for almost 3 years and recently held another tournament of National significance. The Karnataka Juniors Golf Championship for 2012 was held in early May.

A full field of over 70 golfers tee off over the 72 hole event with Aman Raj from the northern Indian city of Patna winning the trophy with a nine under par score of 271.

Many good scores were posted during the tournament and much praise was placed on the course for both its excellent condition and rewarding design.



Medway gets an upgrade



With a history going back to its foundation in 1936 the Medway Golf Club has been Melbourne's premier course of the north-western suburbs. Over the past 12 years PCD has been part of the team renovating and improving the course to meet the challenges of modern day golf. Changes have included both routing upgrades and course improvements to meet the needs of water self sufficiency.

Recently PCD relocated and redesigned the green on the first hole to deal with a boundary / safety issue the club was having. This work was not just an exercise in relocating the green, other changes were made to alter the strategy of the hole and the likely angles of play. Experience shows that changing the way a golfers intends to play a hole will make it safer.

These changes although based around improving the safety issues involved were also aimed at improving the shot values of the hole and in turn making the hole a much better golf hole. Work was completed in less than 6 weeks and the hole was back in play within 3 months.

The photos below show the work both before and after the construction.



'Golf in India' proving a great read

Having released the book in September last year PCD Directors Phil Ryan and Paul Reeves have been receiving much praise for their book 'Golf in India'.

Recently one purchaser commented "We were looking to build a golf course and need authoritative comprehensive information on golf courses in India. This was easily accomplished with this book!"

Books are still available through the internet at;

flipkart.com and uredad.com



Royal Myanmar looking great



With his participation in the recent seminar in Myanmar, PCD Director Phil Ryan had the opportunity to look at the Royal Myanmar Golf Course which was master planned and designed by PCD and opened in 2011.

The course has continued to mature and is now the talk of the Naypyidaw with many locals wanting to play the course. The north course is a par 72, 7100 yard layout featuring several lakes and many risk / reward opportunities.



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