

Siam Country Club, Old Course

1. Hero Section

Golf Course Name: Siam Country Club, Old Course

Tagline: Thailand's first private golf club — and still its most storied championship test.

Golf N Golf Rating: ★★★★★

Quick Facts Strip:

- Best For: Championship golf fans, low–mid handicappers
- Travel Time from Downtown: 25 mins from central Pattaya
- Difficulty: Difficult (fast, undulating greens; 101 bunkers)
- Course Condition: Excellent — maintained to LPGA championship standard
- Value for Money: Good

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2. Golf N Golf Quick Verdict

If you only play one "serious" course in Pattaya, this is the one to book. The Old Course is Thailand's original private club, still holding its own against courses half its age, and it plays host to the LPGA every year for good reason. Fast, well-bunkered, and demanding — best suited to golfers who want a genuine championship test, not a relaxed resort round.

3. At a Glance — Quick Data Table

Designer	Isao Mazumi (1971 original) · redesigned by Lee Schmidt, Schmidt-Curley Design (2006–2007)
Holes / Par / Yardage	18 holes · Par 72 · 7,162 yards
Opened	1971
Location + Drive Time	25 mins from central Pattaya. Off Sukhumvit Road, low hills toward Bangkok.
Closed on	Monday (until September)

Driving Range	Yes
Max Golfers per Group	Weekday: 4 · Weekend: 4
Golf Cart	Compulsory
Caddies	Compulsory for caddy fee. Separate tip for caddy generally start at 500 THB

4. Overview

Siam Country Club's Old Course holds a title no other course in Thailand can claim: it was the country's first privately owned golf club, opened in 1971 under the late Dr. Thaworn Phornprapha and the Siam Motors Group. Japanese architect Isao Izumi laid out the original routing through the low hills a few kilometers inland from Pattaya, working with the mature trees and natural creeks already on the site rather than against them.

That routing survived largely intact through a complete 2006–2007 renovation by Lee Schmidt of Schmidt-Curley Design, the American firm brought in to bring the course up to modern championship standard. Schmidt kept Izumi's bones — the out-and-back parkland layout, the lakes, the tree-lined corridors — while rebuilding the greens in Novotek grass and resurfacing fairways in Seashore Paspalum. The result reopened in March 2007 and has hosted the Honda LPGA Thailand almost every year since.

The clubhouse still occupies its original 1970s structure, refreshed most recently in a 2023 renovation, and looks out over the valley and the course's famous closing stretch. A large golden Buddha watches over the grounds from a hillside visible clearest at the course's uphill 9th — a detail regular players come to look for on every visit.

5. Why Play This Course?

Golfers come to the Old Course for its pedigree as much as its layout. This is the course Thai golf built its international reputation on, and it still shows: 101 bunkers, greens that run true and fast year-round, and a finishing stretch — holes 15 through 18 — regulars call Siam's answer to Amen Corner. It's also one of the most convenient "must-play" courses in the area, sitting just 25 minutes from central Pattaya, which makes it easy to fit into even a short golf trip without sacrificing course quality.

6. Course Highlights

- **Championship pedigree** — annual host of the Honda LPGA Thailand since reopening in 2007
 - **101 bunkers** — the backbone of the course's challenge, added during the Schmidt-Curley redesign for a more modern look and feel
 - **Fast, true greens** — Novotek surfaces that hold their speed and shape year-round
 - **Iconic closing holes** — 15 through 18 are widely regarded as Pattaya's toughest finishing stretch, culminating in a tempting-but-treacherous par-5 18th
 - **Refreshed clubhouse** — 2023 renovation added panoramic views over the course and the valley beyond
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7. Green Fee

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8. Who Should Play This Course?

- **First-time Pattaya visitors** wanting the iconic, bucket-list round
- **Low–mid handicap golfers** who'll appreciate the bunkering and fast greens
- **Golf purists** drawn to championship pedigree and LPGA history
- **Corporate or trip-anchor rounds** — this is the course to build a group's Pattaya itinerary around

Less suited to complete beginners — the fast greens and heavy bunkering reward course management experience.

9. James' Recommendation

"The Old Course is where I send anyone who tells me they want to play 'the real Pattaya golf course.' It doesn't try to dazzle you with tricks — it's a classic, tree-lined test that just happens to be good enough to host the LPGA every year. My tip: trust your caddie on the greens here. They're some of the best in Thailand, and on a course this fast, that local knowledge is worth every baht."

10. Golf N Golf Recommendation

Best paired with Siam Country Club's **Plantation** or **Rolling Hills** courses for a multi-day "Siam trilogy" trip — same ownership group, different clubhouses, all within a short drive of each other. Ideal as the anchor round of a 3-day Pattaya golf itinerary.

11. Guest Reviews

[No guest reviews yet — [คลิก เขียน Review](#) ใ้หน่อย.]

12. Frequently Asked Questions

How far is the Old Course from central Pattaya?

About 25 minutes by car, making it one of the more convenient championship courses in the area.

Is this course suitable for beginners?

It can be played by golfers of all levels, but the fast greens and heavy bunkering make it more rewarding for players with some course management experience. Beginners are welcome but should expect a challenging test.

When is the best season to play?

Year-round — the course is maintained to championship standard throughout, though the cooler months (November–February) offer the most comfortable playing conditions.

Can Golf N Golf arrange transport to the Old Course?

Yes — Golf N Golf arranges transport to every course we cover, anywhere in Thailand, and can also organize activities for any non-golfers in your group while you play. Just let James know your hotel and tee time.

Is this a good course for non-golfers to visit?

The clubhouse restaurant offers panoramic views of the course and is a pleasant place to wait, but there isn't a dedicated non-golfer program on-site. Ask James about arranging alternative activities nearby.

13. Planning Your Golf Holiday

3-Day Itinerary: Day 1 — Old Course (championship warm-up). Day 2 — Siam Plantation or Rolling Hills. Day 3 — Laem Chabang for a change of pace with Jack Nicklaus's mountain-lake-valley design.

5-Day Itinerary: Add Chee Chan Golf Resort (day 4, for the Buddha Mountain backdrop) and a rest/sightseeing day built around Pattaya's beaches or a Bangkok day trip.

Sightseeing: The Sanctuary of Truth and Nong Nooch Tropical Garden are both a reasonable drive from the course and make good non-golf-day additions.

14. SEO Package (Internal Use)

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