

## Press Release

### Hyatt Open 2013



**Hyatt Open 2013 was held at Banyan Golf Club Hua Hin on the weekend of July 20 – 21. The event, now in its 4th year, is fast becoming known as one of Thailand's best amateur golf events. The Hyatt Open 2013 is a collaboration between Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok, Hyatt Regency Hua Hin and Banyan Golf Club Hua Hin.**

Players participated in a 2 day Strokeplay event in 3 different handicap categories to find out who would be named as Hyatt Open 2013 Champion. The Hyatt Open also runs a mini, fantasy tournament, where Hyatt Open participants were drawn with a player competing at The Open Championship and the top 3 placed players receive prizes.

All players arrived to a wonderfully prepared golf course on Saturday morning, where the team of professional club fitters from Titleist were on hand to show them some new clubs on the market. 128 players teed off in a 12 noon shotgun start and enjoyed wonderful food & beverages around the course provided by Hyatt.



Following completion of Day 1 play, all players were hosted for the official Tournament welcome dinner at Hyatt Regency Hua Hin. During the dinner, a charity auction took place with some wonderful packages from Hyatt, British Airways, Qatar Airways, Garuda Indonesia, and Jet Airways available. THB 500,000 baht was raised on the night for a Bangkok based children's charity.

Players returned to Banyan Golf Club Hua Hin early on Sunday morning for Day 2's play which commenced at 8am. The final scores were all counted & calculated, and the category winners were announced during the prize- giving lunch at The Terrace Restaurant at Banyan Golf Club.

During the prize-giving lunch, General Manager of Hyatt Regency Hua Hin, Sammy Carolus welcomed all players and indicated that 25% of those present had played in all 4 editions of the Hyatt Open, and that over 70% were playing at least their 2nd Hyatt Open event. He also announced that the 5th edition of the ever popular Hyatt Open will be hosted at Banyan Golf Club in June of 2014.

Mr Carolus was joined by Richard Greaves, General Manager, Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok, and Stacey Walton, General Manager Banyan Golf Club Hua Hin on the stage to award the prizes and to announce the Hyatt Open 2013 Champion.

Stacey Walton commented, "It is wonderful to see so many players returning each year to play The Hyatt Open. It has become one of the key events on our tournament calendar here at Banyan Golf Club Hua Hin and we are delighted to be associated with Hyatt and our other partner sponsors in the event. We are delighted that Hyatt Open 2014 has been confirmed & announced and we look forward to growing the event into one of South East Asia's premier amateur golf tournaments"

**Winners:**

- Category A (0-9) Winner: Johnny Walker
- Category B (10-19) Winner: Graham Haslam
- Category C (20+) Winner & Hyatt Open 2013 Champion (Low Nett) Winner: Arlius Telaumbanau