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## \* Taiwan Golf Courses Information \*

### Taipei Golf Club 台北高尔夫俱乐部

Golfers lack for nothing at Taipei Golf Club, Taiwan's largest, most fully equipped golf course. Facilities include two complete 18-hole courses, another par 3 short course, a driving range, practice-putting greens and bunkers, and a short-game area. It's no wonder that the club most recently hosted the TLPGA Ladies Professional Open Kenda Cup in 2013. The A and B nines in the north feature winding yet relatively short fairways, and were designed by famed Taiwanese golfer Chen Huo-Shun. The C and D nines in the south, are the work of Japanese designer Kiyoshi Tomita, and feature straighter but longer fairways. On both courses, hazards abound on either side of most fairways. Anywhere but the short grass could find the sloping hills and dense tree cover, or any of the ponds and bunkers dotting Taipei Golf Club. To keep the score from ballooning, pay attention to where the considerable number of out-of-bounds are.

The course combination of the locally designed A and B nines both start off with par 5s, the harder of which is the first hole on the A nine. With expansive fairways, an index of 2 and at 557 yards long, only the longer hitter can hope to cut the left dogleg. Success on this hole though, is dependent on accurate placement of the second shot, as the approach in on the third is fraught with the out-of-bounds on either side of the green, and compounded by bunkers which aren't deep, but still make the hole difficult to par. In contrast, the 5th hole on the B course is a shortish par 4 named the 'Devil's Hole'. A gentle right dogleg, a ravine runs down that same side; anything more than a safe long iron to fairway wood to leave a pitch in to the green, and the devil might just claim the golfer with driver in hand. The seemingly more straightforward combination of the C and D nines don't start off easy, as both holes 1 and 2 of the C course having a cumulative index of 2. The straight long driver benefits on the 1st hole, since the rough on both sides of the fairway slope off into the wooded areas, and the smallish green is fronted left, right, and centre by bunkers. The less accurate golfer would do well to leave himself a short pitch in. At 626 yards, the following 2nd hole is the longest par 5 with a slight dogleg left, where the golfer seeking the most direct route to the hole should stay left on the drive and the second shot, before a short pitch in to a green that is narrow front to back. The gung ho golfer should be wary of biting off more than he can chew on this hole to avoid regret.

Designer	: Tomita Kiyoshi
Holes / Par / Yardage	: 36 holes par 72 (7026 yards) (A - 3,504 yards / B - 3,133 yards / C - 3,661 yards / D - 3,365 yards)
Established	: 1982
Green / Caddy / Buggy Fee	: NT\$3,850 (wkday) NT\$4,425 (wkend) / inclusive of caddy and buggy
Distance	: 35min from Central Taipei