

# The Annika driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

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Pelican Golf Club

## Patty Tavatanakit

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Here with Patty Tavatanakit. Patty, 63 in your opening round here at Pelican Golf Club. What was working so well for you?**

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: I think my scoring has been like really good for the past couple tournaments now. I feel like I'm making birdies.

But today like I just didn't make any bogeys, so it turned out great. Overall it was a good flow.

**Q. You just mentioned it: Bogey-free in your opening round. What were you seeing out there? How was the course playing to suit your strengths a little bit?**

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Honestly, I think it played a little on the short side today. Greens were fast but they were receptive, so there are pins that you can go for it.

But overall like it's still -- it took a lot out of me to shoot 7-under today. It's not playing that easy but playing a bit shorter.

**Q. And you had that stretch of three in a row on the front nine. Walk us through that.**

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Yeah, I was just in the zone. I feel like I just kept executing each shot and my putter felt really good today, so was able to drop three in a row.

**Q. 63, low round the season. Just at this point in the year with what you got to do this week, does it feel good to get a low one, like real low one in the bag?**

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Yeah, for sure. Really like how you put the question there.

Yeah, I've been like preparing for this event. Obviously I knew what I had to do. I'm pretty stressed, but at the same time, I feel like I did everything under my control. I did everything with no regrets.



I'm just going to be out here and know at the back of my mind that I did everything I could. Like there is in regrets there, so it's a little bit of a secure mindset.

**Q. I like that. You've had a pretty solid season as a whole.**

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Yeah.

**Q. To be at this point now, what have you been locking in on as far as your game goes? I was talking to your caddie. Didn't seem like there was much to improve on after today, but what have you been working on?**

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: I think just be athletic and just bringing back to the flow of playing golf. I feel like that has been the toughest challenge.

But overall, you know, I did really good today and I felt like the past three, couple events I played in Asia I did that really well, too. Just things weren't falling in the right place at the right time.

**Q. Walk me through the birdie on 18. That green is insane with the slopes, water short. I mean, what was the mindset there? Hit it close looked like.**

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Yeah, so I had 3-wood off the tee and it turned out to be a pretty short hole for me. I only had a 50 wedge in.

So if I were to have 7-iron into that pin it would've been really scary, not going to lie. But just a wedge. I feel like the dispersion if I miss a little bit it would still be on the green, so just pick the right number and I ended up hitting it good and made the putt.

**Q. Last question from me: I know you played here the last couple years. This golf course typically has a few more teeth in it; like you said, it wasn't easy out there. What do you think about it today that's making it so scorable?**



PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Like I said, it's not playing that long and the greens are receptive, so I feel like you can really get at it. Like you can really go after it if you are feeling good.

**Q. Are you typically that aggressive kind of player that if it's a little bit soft you're going at every pin?**

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Smart but aggressive I would say. Just be on the right side. That's what I try to be. Not every time you hit it where you want to go.

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