

## News



Race start, Laguna Phuket International Marathon 2007  
High resolution image available at <http://www.lagunaresorts.com/~ftpdm/Pictures/LPIM07MarathonStart.JPG>



Team Laguna, Laguna Phuket International Marathon, 5k Walk  
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Laguna Phuket International Marathon 2007 Male Marathon champion Brent Christian Roeger  
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## American Wins the Laguna Phuket International Marathon 2007

The second Laguna Phuket International Marathon, held on Sunday 17 June 2007, was another tremendous success with over 3000 participants from 40 countries competing in the 42k Marathon, 21k Half Marathon, 10k Fun Run, 5k Walk and 1k Kids Run.

The races started early morning with the Marathon runners leaving the start line in Laguna Phuket at 5am. The Half Marathon started at 6am, followed by the Fun Run at 06:30am and the 5k Walk at 06:55am. The Kids Run started at 9am.

The 5k Walk, which is a new race introduced this year, added additional excitement and colour to the event with the large turnout of teams from local businesses and organizations participating. Many teams wore their own colours and had pledged to raise money for charity. There were also many individual entries, bringing the total number of participants in the 5k Walk to 500.

Also contributing to the excitement of the event were Charlie Webster and Andy Penders, football presenters for ESPN STAR Sports and Japanese "ecomarathoner" Hajime Nishi. Charlie, a former professional 800m runner, competed in the 21k Half Marathon and finished in 1:53:32, coming in second in her age category. Andy Penders and Hajime Nishi took a more leisurely approach to the races with Andy participating in the 5k Walk and Hajime staying true to his ecomarathon philosophy by taking time to enjoy the beautiful scenery and chatting with crowds along the course.

The first runner to cross the finish line was Niwat Oytip from Thailand, competing in the Half Marathon, time 1:21:14. Anthony Seakins from the UK and Dominic Yu Ho Chung from the People's Republic of China placed second and third in the Half Marathon in 1:22:25 and 1:22:36. The winner of the men's marathon was Brent Christian Roeger from the USA who crossed the finish line with a time of 2:45:44. Second place men's finisher was Eddy Ou of the USA in 3:11:10, followed by Seppo Rosnell from Finland in 3:15:37.

Winner of the women's marathon was Nicola Green from the UK, time 3:16:46, followed by Lai Chee Yong from Singapore coming in at 3:50:46 and Diana Finkel from the USA at 3:51:03. The top three female finishers in the Half Marathon were Vivian Tang from Singapore, Gillian Castka from the UK and Pauline Mulroy in 1:29:05, 1:33:29 and 1:36:51, respectively.

For complete race results please visit the Laguna Phuket International Marathon website at [www.phuketmarathon.com](http://www.phuketmarathon.com).

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### Note to the Editor

Laguna Phuket is Asia's finest destination resort, a collection of deluxe hotels: Banyan Tree Phuket, Dusit Laguna Resort, Laguna Beach Resort, Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket and Allamanda Laguna Phuket, which all share 600 acres of tropical parkland and three kilometres of beach frontage with the Laguna Phuket Golf Club, Canal Shopping Village, Banyan Tree Spa, four Angsana Spas, Laguna Wedding Chapel and Quest Laguna Phuket Adventure, a leading corporate training and outdoor recreation facility.