In 2016 when Golf will be an Olympic Sport it is my dream that a Modernite makes it to the Indian Olympic Team!

~ Shreya Ghei, S7A - Class of 2011.

This Golf Academy is dedicated to the School on August 16th, 2010 and inaugurated by Mr. Amitabh Kant (IAS) CEO & MD Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor GOI, Class of 1973.
MESSAGE

This significant initiative at school for all students to experience, will most certainly give a big boost to Junior Golf. I am sure Modern School which has produced some highly talented young golfers will be at the forefront of Golf both in India and Internationally in the years to come. My blessings for this initiative of Shreya Ghei who in her last year at school and will represent India at the Asian Games 2010.

She follows in the footsteps of another Modernite who too in his last year in school was a member of the Indian Athletics Team at the first Asian Games in 1951 and happens to be her Grandfather the Late Purshotam Ghei.

Virendra Singh (Retd)
Chairman
Modern School

Major General (Retd) Virendra Singh nurtured Junior Golf for Modern School & the Country, being closely involved with Indian Golf Union as a Executive Council Member and with Delhi Golf Club as its Captain and then its President. He is credited for setting up the Inter School Golf Team Championship on a National Level and then personally escorting many a winning team from Modern School for over 20 years to England for the World School Boys Championship held by the Golf Foundation UK of which he was a member.

With a passion for the sport, he took personal interest in the development of players from Modern School in their formative years, some of whom are well known internationally. Shreya Ghei too is a product of his attention and encouragement.
August 10, 2010

In continuation of the Sports facilities and training opportunities provided by Modern School, the Golf Academy will play an important role in the introduction to a game which is fast gaining more & more universal appeal. A few of our students have excelled in Golf, but the School has not played a part in this. Now, with the initiative taken by one of our own existing student (Shreya Ghei) who is already achieving national recognition, I am happy at the start of this academy. The School is grateful for the help and sponsorship of all those who have made this a reality and look forward to it becoming another center of excellence within the institution.

Regards,

Ashok Pratap Singh.
MESSAGE

Our school celebrates nine decades of its existence this year. It is only right, as we move on to the next decade of the school, that more facilities are added to accomplish the vision of the school in an ever changing world. I am absolutely delighted that Shreya Ghei, an ace golfer of our school, has initiated an effort to start a golf academy in our school which will nurture the future golfers.

Sporting of any nature is expected to develop a sense of discipline, regularity, focus and commitment among children. It is our endeavour to constantly raise both, the bar of our performance and facilities.

I hope that generations of students will enjoy playing golf and reap the benefits of this additional facility in school.

LATA VAIDYANATHAN
PRINCIPAL
Dated: 4th August 2010
History of Golf in India

They say Golf started in Scotland and the history of golf in India can be traced to the 19th century. In fact, India was the first country, outside the Great Britain, to adopt golf as a sport. The first golf club of India was founded in 1829 and named as the Royal Calcutta Golf Club (RCGC). It was the oldest golf club in the world outside the Great Britain. By the end of the 19th Century, India had a dozen golf clubs.

The first national-level golf championship in India began in 1892, when the Royal Calcutta Golf Club served as the host to the inaugural All-India Amateur Golf Championship. The tournament has the distinction of being the second oldest tournament in the world, after the British Open (1860). Golf is as much a part of British and Indian history as parliamentary institution or the game of Cricket. Golf had already been played in India for 27 years before the first major course was opened in Europe and 55 years before the first course was opened in the United States. In December 1955, a group of golfers established the Indian Golf Union (IGU), the controlling body which promotes golf in India.

1958 is the turning point in the history of golf in India, when the Indian Championship was shifted from the Royal Calcutta Golf Club, to be played alternatively at three venues - Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta. Another development worth is the commencement of Indian Open tournaments in 1964, which is now held annually in different parts of the country. Golfing in India has traversed a long way since then. A large number of competent Indian golfers have emerged over the years excelling in the sport and gaining recognition both at the national and international levels.
ACADEMY

The Golf Coaching Programme has been designed by and will be managed by Nonita Lall Qureshi, one of India's foremost Teaching Professional and Arjuna Awardee.

She will be assisted in this endeavour by Satbir Dharma and Tahir, both certified instructors from the National Golf Academy of India.

Objectives:

To broaden the game and make it affordable for students to experience what Golf has to offer, without having to make a big investment. An excellent facility where no compromises have been made as far as Safety and Quality are concerned. To make the coaching and practice facility available to students during and outside school hours and to identify and encourage the development of Junior talent at the grass root level.

Benefits:

An opportunity to learn the game where Golf Equipment, balls, coaching will be provided free during school hours. The Equipment Partners and suppliers TaylorMade are one of the World's topmost Brands in golf. Students wanting to take up the game at a more intense level can enrol for more in-depth training in small group sessions. Top Golfers and Alumni like Gaurav Ghei, Vivek Bhandari, Daniel Chopra will be invited to conduct Clinics. An opportunity to represent the school through Golf Teams in events in India and Abroad will also be made available. Students wishing to purchase Golf equipment and accessories will be provided an attractive discount through TaylorMade.
Programme Structure:

1. Coaching Programme offers in depth coaching on all aspects of the game, i.e. Pre Swing Principles, Long Game, Pitching, Chipping, Bunker Play and Putting. Basic knowledge of the Rules of Golf, Etiquette, Ball Flight Laws, Technique, Scoring, Fitness & Mental Game etc. will be taught in a phased manner.

2. Extra activities like Clinics, Competitions etc. will only be available to the students enrolled in the advanced training programme. Conditions apply.

3. During school hours, practice facility with all playing equipment will available free of cost to students and will be supervised by certified coaches.

4. Pre school/after school hours, advanced and in depth training programmes will be conducted. Please refer for details to the Registration Form.

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Nonita Lall Qureshi

One of India’s top golf instructors and a highly respected global professional has designed this Golf Program and will manage The Academy. She has an enviable record and is an Arjuna Awardee. She has on 6 occasions Won the All India Amateur National Championship the maximum number of wins by any Indian Man / Woman. On the Indian Amateur Circuit, she has won over 45 events, including the Northern India and the Eastern India 9 times each. She has represented India for 17 years winning 13 International Amateur events. She is a Class A Professional from the National Golf Academy of India and is a Diploma Holder from the British PGA. She has been the National Coach for the Indian Women’s and Junior Teams and also been the first woman coach for the Indian Men’s team to the Nomura Cup 2009. She is a Level 1 Certified Professional from the Harald Swash Putting School and is a Master Professional from the Italian Golf Federation.
Shreya Ghei

A student of S7A & the Class of 2011, a School Prefect and Golf Captain, Shreya is responsible for conceiving and implementing this initiative.

In her words, “I have learnt a lot from the sport as well as from school and want to give other students an opportunity to experience the same for all time to come. I believe I am truly blessed to have an opportunity to give back and use my passion in a manner that benefits future students of this amazing institution. My vision is to create a Golf facility of excellence with the objective of a Modernite being a member of the Indian Team, when Golf is first introduced in Olympics in 2016.”

Shreya has done the school proud by winning numerous laurels in Golf.

- All India Ladies Amateur National Golf Champion (2010).
- Northern India ladies Amateur Golf Champion (2009).
- Selected to represent India in Asian Games 2010.
Golf Roll of Honor

Gaurav Ghei - Class of 1986

“When I was at Modern we had no such facilities and it was tough to play at clubs. I am glad Shreya who has perhaps faced the same challenges in her journey recognized this need and did something about it.”

After winning a number of major Indian Amateur titles, Gaurav turned Pro in 1991. He rose to fame with impressive performances on Asian Tour, winning 3 Asian titles, besides the prestigious Desaru Classic & Asian Nations Cup. The First Indian to qualify for the prestigious British Open. Gaurav’s historic win at the Gadgil Western Masters catapulted him into national fame. He made international headlines when he defeated Ryder Cup veteran Colin Montgomerie in the 16 Nation Alfred Dunhill Cup.

Vivek Bhandari - Class of 1989

“Did you know MODERN was the first school in India to admit based on proficiency in Golf? I was fortunate to be one of them. I am glad that School is keeping up the tradition of promoting golf at the junior level. I wish the GOLF ACADEMY great success.”


Daniel Chopra

Daniel Samir Chopra won the All India Junior Golf Championship twice and also The World Junior Championship in 1991. He turned Pro in 1992, playing the European tour and in 2004 joined the PGA Tour. He won the Ginn Sur Mer Classic at Tesoro and Mercedes Benz Championship besides 11 other titles under his belt including one on the Asian Tour.
Golf Roll of Honor

Uttam Singh Mundy  Class of 1982
“Golf in school has come a long way. Only after I passed out did school Golf teams come into existence. I am so happy to see that Shreya has taken the initiative. This is a great opportunity for the kids and I wish the Academy a huge success.”
Uttam turned PRO in 1991. Won the Honda Siel PGA Championship twice and the Surya Nepal Open twice, besides winning the BPGC Open, Meerut Open and the Hindu Open.

Sanjiv (Guna) Talwar - Class of 1974
Captain of Delhi Golf Club
Runner up of All India Amateur twice
Runner up of NI Amateur
Represented India 1977-1982

Inderbir (Mickey) Singh - Class of 1983
First Golf Captain of Modern
Team Gold for Delhi in National Games 1982
Silver in Individual in National Games 1982

Lets add to the Alumni list,
if you fit here,
do send your details to:
shreya_ghei@hotmail.com
Why Golf

Playing any sport is great but Golf helps you engrain certain qualities that enhance success in all aspects of our lives.

These are:

- Focus and Discipline
- Humility, Respect, Etiquette, Graciousness, Selflessness
- Problem Solving
- Patience and Ability to Listen
- Punctuality and valuing others Time
- Honesty and Integrity as it is a Game of HONOR - nobody watches you.

"My favorite shots are the practice swing and the conceded putt. The rest can never be mastered!"

- Lord Robertson
What They Say...

“The game has such a hold on golfers because they compete not only against an opponent but also against the course, against par, and most surely-against themselves!”

- Arnold Palmer
(One of the greatest Players in the history of PRO Golf, nicknamed “The King”)

“It is nothing new or original to say that golf is played one stroke at a time. But it took me many years to realize it!”

- Bobby Jones
(One of the most famous Amateur Golfers who never turned PRO and retired at 28. Most famous for his Unique “Grand Slam” of all 4 majors in a single year)

“No golfer can ever become too good to practice!”

- May Hezlet
(British Golf Champion she and her 2 sisters became top golfers of their era. Won 5 Irish championships and 3 British open)

“Practice puts brains in your muscles!”

- Sam Snead
(One of the top American Golfers for 4 decades. Won a record 82 PGA events, 7 majors 3 Masters, 3 PGA championships and 1 British Open)
Did you know...?

**Floyd Satterlee Rood** used the United States as a golf course, when he played from the Pacific to the Atlantic from September 14, 1963, to October 3, 1964, in 114,737 strokes. He lost 3,511 balls on the 3,397.7 mile trail.

The Greatest Number of Rounds played on foot in 24 hours is 22 and five holes - a total of 401 holes - by Ian Colston, aged 35, at Bendigo Golf Club in Victoria (a par 73 6,6061-yard course) on November 27028, 1971.

**Robert Tyre “Bobby” Jones, Jr.** was reputed to have holed a putt in excess of 100 feet at the 5th green in the first round of the 1927 Open at St. Andrews.

The Longest Recorded Drive on an ordinary course is one of 515 yards by Michael Hoke Austin of Los Angeles, California, in the US National Seniors Open Championship at Las Vegas, Nevada on September 25, 1974. Austin drove the ball within a yard of the green on the par 4 450-yard 5th hole of Winterwood Course. It rolled 65 yards past the flag aided by an estimated 35mph tailwind.

The Longest Hole-In-One ever recorded is the 10th (447 yards) at Miracle Hills Golf Club at Omaha, Nebraska, by Robert Mitera on October 7, 1965. A 50mph gust carried his shot over a 290-yard drop-off.

The Lowest Recorded Score in the world is a 57 shot by Wayne Meyers of Easley, S.C. back in 1994 at Southern Oaks golf course in Powdersville, South Carolina in the USA.

The Most Holes-In-One in a year is 28 by Scott Palmer in 1983. All were on par 3 and par 4 holes between 130 yards and 350 yards in length at Balboa Park in San Diego, California.
Did you know...?

The World’s Longest Golf Course is the International Golf Club in Massachusetts, a long par 77, 8325-yards, from the tiger tees.

The World’s Highest Golf Course is the Tactu Golf Club in Morococha, Peru, which sits 14,335 feet above sea level at its lowest point.

The Longest Hole in the World is the 7th hole (par 7) of the Sano Course at the Satsuki Golf Club in Japan. It measures a long 909 yards.

The World’s Largest Bunker is Hell’s Half Acre on the 585-yard 7th hole of the Pine Valley Course in New Jersey.

The World’s Largest Green is that of the 695-yard, 5th hole, a par 6 at the International Golf Club in Massachusetts, with an area in excess of 28,000 square feet.
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INITIATIVE OF SHREYA GHEI

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