



HOLDING IT HIGH Junior Ethan Lien holds his driver in a finishing position after teeing off the ball at a match against Cupertino High School. Photo by Mukhil Saravanan

[A] DRIVEN TO STRIKE

Freshman Jonathan Chen raises his golf club to strike the ball and tee off from the starting position. After teeing off, the players tried to minimize the number of shots it took to get the ball into the hole. Photo by Mukhil Saravanan

[B] SWINGING HARD

Sophomore Daniel Ahn swings the club to get his golf ball in the air and close to the hole so as to minimize the number of swings. Photo by Kenneth Gan



CALM AND COMPOSED Junior Gerard Lee carefully puts the golf ball in order to make it into the hole at a match against Cupertino High School. Photo by Mukhil Saravanan



ON A DRIVE

Exploring the stories of Monta Vista's golf team



[C] STRIKING STRONG Senior Vatsel Srivastava holds up his golf club after teeing off the ball from the starting point of a hole in a match against Cupertino High School. While teeing off, players tried to get their ball to cover most of the distance in order to reach the hole. Photo by Mukhil Saravanan

[D] SMALL TOUCHES Freshman Ethan Lin puts the golf ball to get it into the hole in the green. The green was the flat ground on the course where players focused more on accuracy rather than power in their shots. Photo by Mukhil Saravanan

Junior Gerard Lee is a member of the boys golf team whose dedication and aspirations for the sport has been driving him to success in golf.

With eleven years of experience in golf, Lee decided to join the high school team because of his love for the sport. Like every exceptional player, Lee's experience with golf consisted of countless hours of practice.

When asked about preparation before matches, Lee explains how it is important to have ample practice going into matches and to keep the pressure in check at games. "I think the most important thing is to have a positive and confident mindset and to slow down," Lee said. "Sometimes

when you're under pressure, your heart starts racing really fast." Throughout the season, Lee remains committed to golf while balancing academics by getting all his schoolwork done in time and also attending all the matches.

"It gets really busy," Lee said "I try to do as much work in school as possible, stay on top of everything [and] make a schedule for myself when I get home, because golf matches are pretty long."

In the short term, Lee continues to play all his matches in high school, striving to hopefully make it to CCS. However, his journey won't stop there, as he aspires to play golf as a college student at a top university.

THE WINNER'S CHOICE

Exploring the kinds of golf clubs players prefer



"My preferred golf club is a seven iron, [because] it can hit more consistently and I like hitting with it."

ETHAN LIN (9)



"I really like my putter, because that's how most of the strokes are gained. It's really what separates a good player from a great player."

ETHAN LIEN (11)