

Building momentum for future needs

The Del Rio CC foundation commits to funding phase I construction of a multi-phase project at Dryden Park golf course with 30 year lease agreement with the City of Modesto.



Designed by Andy Raugust



Groundbreaking with construction crew



New sod arrives at project site.



Phase I is completed in June 2024.

Community Partners & Supporters

How did the vision start?

In 2019, First Tee and Boys and Girls Club were having preliminary talks about a partnership. In 2020, during the pandemic period,, the City of Modesto permanently closed Modesto Municipal Golf Course, the home of our chapter. Under the city's guidance, we were able to move programs to Dryden Park Golf Course. Once there, we noticed an empty lot adjacent to the golf course. We inquired to the city about the property and soon began talks of an agreement to use the land for future our program site.

When did the Boys and Girls decide to partner with First Tee?

Both organizations have missions geared to support youth development. So, it was just a matter of coming to agreements on how we could partner. By early 2022, we reached an agreement with Boys and Girls Club and the City of Modesto to lease the land and start working on a viable plan for use of the land.

How did the City of Modesto help get the project off the ground?

The city applied and received a HUD grant to move the Boys and Girls modular building to the project site. During the same time, both organizations signed long term property lease agreements. If not for the city's involvement, the project would never have begun.

How many phases are involved in the project?

There are three phases:

- #1. Construction of a large practice complex with fencing and walkway.
- #2. Multi-use practice hitting platforms that serve as both learning stations and speaker presentation area
- #3. Three hole links course with a perimeter nature walking trail. First Tee equipment room and storage.

What are the obstacles to overcome as we push forward with the project?

Funding is a huge factor. Although we have received an ARPA reallocation grant from the City of Modesto for \$250,000. We hope to continue to rallying support for the additional needed funds for remaining project phases. Right now, we are in the middle of the design process for phase II and phase III.

How will each phase be funded for the project?

Phase I We have committed a portion of our reserve funding to build the phase I practice complex.

Phase II - ARPA reallocated grant funds of \$250k from the City of Modesto and fundraising funds.

Phase III - Major grants, capital campaign and other fundraising efforts.



Phase I is now open.

New Program Location



We proudly welcome The Swing Center as our latest addition to our program locations. Owners Valerie & Brian Harvey opened their doors to First Tee this past summer. With indoor Golf centers on the rise, we realized the importance of having an alternative venue to serve our participants. The Swing Center provides the best indoor golf experience as well as a safe and fun place to learn the game of golf. We launched our first class in June 2024. Parents were thrilled to have a place for their children escape the heat in the summer months. Our programs will continue year round at the Swing Center. We look forward to a bright future with programs and events at our new location in North Modesto. For more information, contact our Kayla Deigan, Program Director 209-544-1780.

The Swing Center is located at 3801 Pelandale Avenue Suite F3 Modesto, CA 95356



Coach Rey Rosas (far left) with participants. Owner Brian Harvey & son Triston (far right)

Participants Field Trip



Every year the PGA Champions Tour stops at Pebble Beach Golf Links in September. Over the years local chapters have scheduled field trips for participants and their families to experience watching a professional golf tournament at Pebble Beach Golf Links. The day starts with an early rising to catch the charter buses leaving Dryden Park golf course. Approximately 70 - 80 participants ride the buses to Pebble Beach. That is where the fun begins! Movies and activities are provided as entertainment for the kids. The buses arrive at 9:30 am and are met by Pure Insurance staff members to guide them on the course. First Tee coaches and parent chaperones act as tour guides for the day. The fun zone is located at 18th tee box with lunch provided at no cost by Monterey Peninsula Foundation. Groups are instructed in how to spectate during a golf tournament. Respect and courtesy towards the PGA Tour players is on full display by all. The buses departed at 4:00 pm with happy faces and goodies from the event. Another pleasant experience for everyone involved. Thank you to our staff, coaches and chaperones for making it a safe and fun day.



First Tee Network Summit Nov 18-21 in Phoenix, AZ



This year the network summit will be held at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa in Phoenix. We will connect in-person for a three-day Network Summit. The Network Summits always leaves us more inspired, empowered and motivated to continue doing great work in Building Game Changers at our chapter. Attending this year's network summit will be DRCCF Board President, David Halvorson Jr, Executive Director, John Griston, Program Director, Kayla Deigan, and Marketing & Program Coordinator, Sarah Ramsdell.

Thank you for all your support and contributions.
We look forward to another succesful year in 2025!



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