

# 56 GOLFERS

Here are a few renowned golfers around the world. Let's know about them.

## TIGER WOODS



**Birthday** : December 30, 1975

**Birth Place** : California (US)

**Birth Sign** : Capricorn

**About** : Championship golfer who has won over 100 tour events and became the youngest player to complete the career Grand Slam.

**Trivia Face** : He was named after Col. Vuong Dang Phong, who was a friend of his father and was also called Tiger.

**Associated with** : One of the biggest competitors on the green was Lee Westwood.

## LEE WESTWOOD



**Birthday** : April 24, 1973

**Birth Place** : England

**Birth Sign** : Taurus

**About** : World champion golfer who won tournaments on every major continent.

**Trivia Face** : When he became the world's no. 1 player in 2010, he ended Tiger Woods' long reign at the top.

**Associated with** : We often watched Jack Nicklaus play as a child, as he was a big fan of Nicklaus.

## TOM WATSON



**Birthday** : September 4, 1949

**Birth Place** : Kansas (US)

**Birth Sign** : Virgo

**About** : Professional golfer who was six times PGA player of the year.

**Trivia Face** : At 60 years old and after golfing professionally for 26 years, he led much of the 2009 open championship, although he eventually lost.

**Associated with** : He has just one less US Open Gold Medal than Tiger Woods.

## PHIL MICKELSON



**Birthday** : June 16, 1970

**Birth Place** : California (US)

**Birth Sign** : Gemini

**About** : Mickelson is one of 15 golfers in the history of the sports to win at least three of the four professional majors.

**Trivia Face** : As a professional golfer, he won multiple major championship and over 40 PGA tour events.

**Associated with** : He has been regarded as the second greatest golfer of his era, behind only great Tiger Woods.

## Know More



The old course at St. Andrews is one of the most prestigious golf courses in the world. It is also the oldest, and it is located in beautiful Scotland.





Do you know these true champions? Pick your answer from the Help Box.

1. With seven Tour de France victories under his belt, he is undoubtedly one of the greatest athletes in the history of modern sports. What makes his success conspicuous and outstanding is that he won most of those seven trophies after surviving a severe battle with cancer. *Lance Armstrong*



2. In 2001, he became the youngest person ever to climb the Mount Everest. He lost five fingers due to frostbite during his first attempt to climb the mountain. However, this could not hold him back from making yet another very brave attempt. *Temba Tsher Sherpa*



3. Overcoming her loss of vision due to Stargardt's Disease, she represented the United States in the 1500 m track event at the 2000 Olympics. She became the first legally blind athlete to compete in an Olympics. *Marla Runyan*



4. The first Indian to have ever won an individual Olympic gold, his career at one stage was jeopardised by a nagging back injury. Despite this, he emerged as the winner of an individual gold in the 10 m Air Rifle event in the 2008 Olympics. *Abhinav Bindra*



5. A former Major league Baseball pitcher he played the game despite being born without a right hand. He was honored as the United States flag bearer at the Pan American Games. *Jim Abbott*



6. Paralysed with polio when she was a child, she proved that one can overcome obstacles and succeed through courage and determination. Her 1960 Olympics performance of winning 3 gold medals remains a stand-out performance in the history of the Olympics. *Wilma Rudolph*



### Know More



In 1938, Karoly Takacs of the Hungarian Army was the top pistol shooter in the world. He was expected to win the gold in the 1940 Olympic games scheduled for Tokyo. The expectations were shattered just months before the Olympics. While training with his army squad, a hand grenade exploded in Takacs' right hand. After a month in hospital, he trained to shoot with his left hand, and won gold medals in the 1948 and 1952 Olympics.



(Abhinav Bindra) (Marla Runyan) (Jim Abbott) (Wilma Rudolph) (Temba Tsher Sherpa) (Lance Armstrong)



Recognise the following champions of strengths and target sports and write their names.



Nicknamed as 'The Pearl', this American pool player has won three world titles 1990, 1991 and 2002.

1 Earl Strickland



He is the greatest player of snooker. He has won snooker championship 13 times. He won his first world title in 1990 and went on to win a record seven, including five consecutive titles between 1992 and 1993.

4 Stephen Hendry



This Chinese woman set the world record by lifting 182.5 kgs in a jerk for a total of 305 kgs successfully at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

2 Tang Gonghong



This Iranian weightlifter set the world record by lifting 472.5 kg at the Sydney Olympics in 2000. This is heavier than a healthy cow!

3 Hossein Rezazadeh



He was born in Kentucky, USA in 1942. He burst on the boxing scene in 1960 at the Rome Olympics where he took the light heavy weight gold medal. He became the first person to win heavy weight title three times.

5 Mohammed Ali



He is probably the best known wrestler in the world. He is 1.94m tall and weighs 118 kg. He has also appeared in many films, including The Mummy Returns, The Scorpion King and Be Cool.

6 Dwayne Johnson

### Know More



The world's top wrestler Hulk Hogan has appeared in films such as Spy Hard, Muppets from Space and Rocky III.



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