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### Night golf becomes a thing in South Korea - 23rd June, 2021

#### Level 4

Golf is becoming more popular in South Korea. The country is the world's third largest market for golf. Korean golfers spend more on golf equipment than those in any other country. A new phenomenon has emerged in Korea. Golf clubs are opening after dark. This has been called "white night" golf. Korea's golfers have more chances to get their golf clubs out. It can be difficult to play golf in Korea because of a lack of courses in cities. Seoul has just one golf course.

Over 100 golf courses offer night golf. This could mean South Korea's golfers are more successful internationally, especially women. Four of the world's top-ten ranked women golfers are from South Korea. A Korean woman has won at least one of the golf majors every year since 2010. Korea's legendary Pak Se-ri won the 1998 US Open aged 20 in her rookie season. She may have been a white night trailblazer.

#### Level 5

Golf is becoming increasingly popular in South Korea. The country is the world's third largest market for golf. Korean golfers spend more on golf equipment and clothing than people in any other country. A new golfing phenomenon has emerged in Korea. Golf clubs are opening after dark so more people can play the game. This has been dubbed "white night" golf. Korea's avid golfers have more chances to get their golf clubs out. It can be difficult to play golf in Korea because of a lack of courses in cities. The capital city Seoul has just one course. This is limited to use by military personnel.

There are as many as 117 golf courses that offer night golf. This may result in South Korea's golfers being more successful internationally, especially for women. A website said 32 of the top 100 players in the women's world rankings, including 4 of the top 10, are from South Korea. A Korean woman has won at least one of the golf majors every year since 2010. Korea's legendary Pak Se-ri won the 1998 US Open aged 20 in her rookie season. She may have been a white night trailblazer. Reports say her father made her practice her swing at night to toughen her up.

## Level 6

The rise of the popularity of golf in South Korea shows no sign of abating. The country is now the world's third largest market for golf, and Korean golfers spend more per capita on golf equipment and apparel than people in any other country. A new phenomenon is taking off in Korea to reflect the ever-increasing popularity of the game. Golf clubs are opening after dark to allow more people to play the game. The concept has been dubbed "white night" golf. It allows Korea's avid golfers more opportunities to get their clubs out. It can be difficult to secure a round of golf in Korea. There is a scarcity of courses in metropolitan areas. The capital city of Seoul has just one course and is limited to use by military personnel.

There are as many as 117 golf courses of 18 holes or more that currently offer night games. White night golf may result in South Korea's golfers achieving more success on the international stage, especially in the women's game. The SeoulSisters website states that: "As of last week, 32 of the top 100 players in the women's world rankings, including 4 of the top 10, were from South Korea." A Korean woman has won at least one golf major every season since 2010. Korea's legendary Pak Se-ri won the 1998 US Open aged 20 in her rookie season. She may have been a white night trailblazer. It is reported her father made her practice her swing near cemeteries at night to toughen her up.