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Dear Tyler:

I hope this letter finds you well. I really appreciate your letter, it's fascinating to learn about golf. I especially enjoyed the historical component; I had no idea golf originated as a distraction from archery training. I also thought the game was much younger than the 15th century! Lastly, it's great to hear that I'm not the only one who thinks the game is very challenging but available, my experiences with it have been enjoyable but at time embarrassing.

Speaking of my experiences, I would agree with your characterization of the sport as technically complex, and I think that makes the sport extremely interesting. It gives the players something to work towards, beyond the physical improvement of muscles. Golf is also a very watched sport, having some of the most famous tournaments in sporting. Everyone recognizes the green jacket of the masters, and everyone knows the top players like Tiger Woods and Bryson DeChambeau. Speaking of the famous players, I definitely agree that the golf course is a great place to do business. I would bet some of the biggest deals in history have been settled on a golfing green.

My experience with golf isn't all struggling to play however. I have experienced a similar joy in the community aspect of the game. I distinctly remember playing with some friends in high school and slicing a shot terribly. While this might have been frustrating, being able to laugh about it with my best friends easily overtook any frustration I felt. It seems like we agree, golf is a great third space to be able to get away from work and school and enjoy the world!

I wanted to say thank you for reaching out to converse about golf. Your letter reminded me of the great benefits of golf and taught me a lot about its history. I hope to be able to converse again soon.

Sincerely,

Lucas Gerald Smith