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Mr. Mark Leslie
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Dear Mr. Leslie,

I appreciate the opportunity to speak on behalf of Ryan Golf. It is indeed rare (yet a privilege) to be able to write a letter of recommendation that does not need to be read between the lines. Simply put, Ryan Golf exceeded our very high expectations in each of the categories listed on your questionnaire. After making a few notes, prior to composing this letter, I thought to myself, "Who would believe this, it sounds too good", but the fact remains that Ryan Golf deserves the highest marks for each category.

Our Course #1 project involved completely redesigning and rebuilding an existing golf course from sub grade on up. The time frame only allowed for a 4 month construction period and a 4 month grow-in period. Over 400,000 cubic yards of dirt needed to be moved, a new irrigation system installed and 140 acres grassed by August 1, 1997. Grassing was completed the final week of July. While every project has it's anxious moments, Course #1 was never behind schedule and the comfort level Ryan Golf gave us along with the confidence we grew to have in them made the entire experience a pleasure.

The course opened one week ahead of schedule on December 8, 1997 when Arnold Palmer played the opening round.

Our golf course superintendent, Billy Wright, has over 30 years of experience and has been involved in several construction projects. In his words, "This was the best team I have ever been involved with."

Our time frame was very critical when you consider a delayed opening of just two weeks would have prevented our members from being able to play during their holiday vacation in South Florida! Our director of golf, Brad Luken, knew this and took great comfort in the fact that in his words, "This is the first construction company I've ever dealt with where each person truly gives a damn and feels a personal stake in the outcome of the project."

If further discussion would be beneficial, please feel free to contact any of us at 561-488-6990.

Sincerely,

Jay DiPietro, CCM
President and General Manager

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