

It looks so easy, but damn I couldn't do it

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ST. CATHARINES (CUP) - Goofy looking pants and a fat ass may describe the person you picked up at the bar last night, but it also describes the way many people look at the sport of golf.

Some people think of golf as one of the world's most unattractive sports. I mean, why chase around a little white ball? It seems pointless.

These same people feel that professional golfers aren't making a living, they are making fools of themselves.

These critics also tend to believe that, if they chose to, they could be as good as any of the professional players they see on television. How hard is it to hit a

little white ball, anyway?

For those of you who approach the game this way, I challenge you to drop a ball and try your best to hit it 300 yards down the middle of a fairway.

These professionals that you see on television aren't just having fun, they make a living off the sport. And just like everyone else they take their job very seriously.

Recently I had an opportunity to use my press privileges to pick up a three-day pass to watch the Bell Canadian Open.

This is a stop on the Professional Golf Association tour that took place in Oakville at Glenn Abbey Golf and Country Club.

This was an opportunity for me to realize, first of all, how horrible I actually am at golf, and secondly, how the lifestyle of a golfer is not always as much fun as I had at first anticipated.

I assumed these golfers were like all regular

swinging hacks would go out and play their round of golf and afterwards take turns buying rounds for one another in the clubhouse.

To my surprise, their job was taken much more seriously than I had ever anticipated.

The players would get up at approximately 6:30 a.m. and proceed to hit a bucket of balls at the driving range.

They would then head to the course, play 18 holes of golf and after they had completed their round, would go back to the driving range and do it all over again.

For anyone who thinks that golfers live the easy life, try being away from your family 10 months of the year, constantly stuck in a plane.

After seeing the effort these professionals put into their sport, I came to the realization that maybe the players that are constantly on top, pulling in hundreds of thousands of dollars each

tournament, are not living the life of the average PGA tour pro.

I also learned that the lifestyle might not be as easy as I had first expected, and that the average golfer in goofy pants and a fat ass cannot and will not reach the professional level.

