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THRU THE GREEN

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Employment Opportunity

Assistant Superintendent Needed Tahoe Donner Golf Course

Seasonal position available April 1, 1994.

Requirements: 2 year degree in Turf Management, Horticulture or related field. Pesticide Applicators license or in training. Mechanical and irrigation skills helpful. Experience: 3 years on golf maintenance staff Other: High achiever, self-starter and motivator Salary range: \$2,100 to \$2,600 per month D.O.E. Send Resume to: Joel Blaker

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KNOW YOUR LIMITS

Continued from page 5 aken by the USGA Green section staff. In fact, the fastest green measured by Bill during this survey was (put on your seat belt!) 8 feet 6 inches!

What is the average green speed today? Well, the answer depends on which month of the year you are talking about. As I mentioned earlier,

the grass grows better in the spring than it does in the summer. In the spring, the greens can be cut much shorter and average speed is probably close to 9 feet. But, in the summer the grass must be cut higher, so the average speed should be closer to 8 feet.

If you need more help educating your golfers on the topic of putting green speed,

Designing A Training Program

Need a custom-designed training program rather than an off-the-shelf one?

Here's some advice from Fred Tietz, senior consultant for The Dreiford Group of Bethesda, Md., on how to design that program:

I Focus sharply on outcomes. What do you want participants to do? How will you know if all of those involved feel the program was effective? What should they say when it's over?

As you move along, keep checking with appropriate government agencies or your upper management to be sure you're on track.

Determine the participants' experience, education level and exposure to training. Different learners need differ-

and other topics relating to course maintenance, let me suggest inviting them to our upcoming Regional Conferences co-sponsored with the Northern and Southern Golf Associations. The Southern

ent training techniques.

B Keep in mind that successful training programs require improving knowledge, skills and attitudes. Many programs neglect attitudes.

--For technical knowledge, focus on classroom work and written assignments --For skill building, concentrate on simulation and role playing, or hands on. --For changing attitudes, think of case studies, role modeling or bringing in someone who can personally describe the benefits received from similar training.

De Plan a pilot program using a true cross-section of learners. Later, modify the program based on the pilot's results.

California conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Garden Grove on March 15th, and the Northern California conference at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton on March 16th.

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