GOLF

Don’t gamble a ‘super’ job for green speed

NOVI, Mich. — Getting the maximum ball speed from a putting green doesn’t mean golf course superintendents have to run the risk of damaging the turf and losing their jobs.

Jacobsen product manager Bill Kinzer says that using a greens conditioning machine can provide good green speed and healthy turf without jeopardizing the super’s livelihood.

“Jacobsen’s Turf Groomer is that they allow superintendents to go to a higher cut. I know a number of superintendents who are cutting at 3/8 of an inch and have a good root system and the same ball speed they had when they were cutting below 3/8 of an inch,” Kinzer says. “Number one, the grain is removed from the grass,” he says. “That’s what slows the ball down. You get a smoother surface. And number two, it helps control thatch, to a degree.”

LANDSCAPING

Newman pledges high standards

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Lebo Newman, new president of the California Landscape Contractors Association, has formed an Environmental Committee to explore ways the landscaping industry can be gentler on the environment.

“We can educate people on better ways to apply (control products) or better ways to do our work without being a detriment,” says Newman, who adds that the industry needs more ongoing management practices to prevent excessive application.

Newman, president of Redwood Landscaping in Santa Rosa, has been an active CLCA member since 1974.

“With passion, I pledge to maintaining CLCA’s goals and to improve the image of the landscape industry.”

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