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relative to supply, nothing compares to the Ryder Cup." When asked about the Masters, Byrom says, "They're different. [Augusta National] makes no provisions for outsiders."

The Ryder Cup makes plenty of provisions for outsiders, but at a pretty healthy price. May 1, 1998 prices for one spectator's first-class trip to the September 1999 matches look like this:

- * Hospitality tent access: \$2,500
- * Four-night hotel stay: \$2,000
- * Two days of golf: \$1,300
- * Food: \$750
- * Air travel: \$450

Total purse for a weekend of flag-waving entertainment: \$7,000.

Golf Channel reducing Kessler's presence

Saying it hopes to develop other talent and ease his heavy workload, The Golf Channel has decided to slightly reduce the responsibilities of its most visible face, Peter Kessler.

"We want to expose our viewers to different personalities," said TGC spokeswoman Debra Sweeney. "We really value him, and he's been an over-worked person for quite a while here."

Kessler, who has appeared on *Golf Talk Live*, *Golf Channel Academy Live* and *Viewer's Forum*, will continue as the primary host for all three programs, Sweeney said. Kessler also hosts the Masters Highlights show.

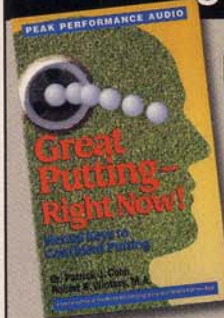
For his part, the well-regarded Kessler, who has been with TGC since its inception in January 1995, said he has no problem with the new schedule. "Even when you love your work as much as I do," he said, "it's probably a good idea to establish a little bit of balance."

He can shoot 60, but he can't qualify for the Open

As he awaited a ride to the golf course a couple of Sunday mornings ago, Tim Duffy, a 30-year-old professional who lives in Orlando, decided to bide his time by sorting through some unopened mail. Of particular interest was a letter from the USGA. When Duffy opened the envelope, he found that the entry he had submitted to a U.S. Open qualifier in Rhode Island had been rejected.

"It kind of made me mad," said Duffy,

Shag bag



Fear-free putting

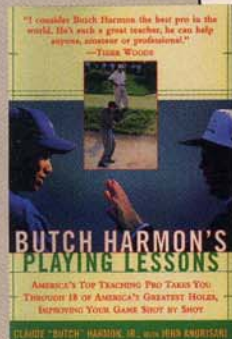
All of us who have no confidence in our putting know that this condition only makes our

problem worse. It's doing something about it that's the hard part. To banish negative thoughts, though, you have to supply positive thoughts to put in their place. That's the focus of *Great Putting—Right Now!* (\$12, Peak Performance Audio, 888-742-7225). Sport psychologists Patrick Cohn and Robert Winters demonstrate how to create confidence and putt without fear. *Golf World* rating: **Par**

Lesson up

The only problem with the lesson tee is that it isn't the golf course, and the game is played on the golf course, not the lesson tee. Yet on-course lessons are much more expensive and time-consuming than practice-tee lessons. In *Butch Harmon's Playing Lessons* (\$25, Simon & Schuster), the noted teacher takes an A player, a B

player and a C player on a round played on 18 of the country's most famous holes, including No. 12 at Augusta National, No. 10 at Winged Foot West, No. 16 at Merion and No. 7 at Pebble Beach. He points out common shotmaking and strategic errors by all three players and offers tips for correcting them. *Golf World* rating: **Par**



Ratings: **Eagle**—Strongly recommended. **Birdie**—Recommended. **Par**—Some might like it. **Bogey**—Hey, it's your money. **Double bogey**—Don't say we didn't warn you.