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AT ARVADA'S INDIAN TREE GOLF Course, double takes have become more common than double bogeys, thanks to PGA Head Professional Alan Abrams zipping around the course atop a Segway. Abrams has brought in four of the two-wheeled, gyroscopically self-balancing personal transportation devices as novel alternatives to carts. "I'm addicted," the longtime pro laughs as he demonstrates the unit's tight turning radius. After a brief, one-time certification training session, Indian Tree golfers can rent the units for \$21 for 18 holes or \$11 for nine. Each Segway comes with two bag holders, and can support golfers weighing up to 240 pounds. More than just novelties, Segways are less intrusive and more energy-efficient than carts—charging on 110-volt current as opposed to 220-volt—and have little or no impact on turf conditions. Plus Segwaying requires a similar heel-toe movement to snowboarding—a feature, Abrams believes, that might attract some younger players. Although Indian Tree is currently the only course in the state to offer Segways, the company from which Abrams leased them, On In One Golf, is actively pursuing other courses, certifying riders at more locations and conducting Segway-only tournaments. "People will see it's really a fun, cool way to get around the course," says Abrams, the 2008 Colorado PGA Golf Professional of the Year and a nationally recognized PGA Junior Golf Leader. "It's also another revenue generator." He knows there'll be skeptics, "but I remember when golf carts first showed up and people didn't want to use them. Now we own a fleet." indiantree.org; 303-403-2541.

GEEK CHIC: Abrams rolls on his Segway.