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# Looking back

**Terry Buchen takes us through his career and reveals that the accomplishment of which he is most proud is becoming a Master Greenkeeper.**

I have had a fun career, having grown-up on a golf course in the Chicago suburb of Glenview under the mentoring and guidance of my father and grandfather, both Golf Course Superintendents for most of their lives. After graduating from Penn State University in agronomy/turfgrass management in 1968 and the University of California-Irvine with a certificate in golf and park facility administration in 1974, I have worked in all four corners of America and most areas in between, having grown every type of turfgrass used on golf courses, including Kikuyugrass fairways at storied Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles.

My travels have included being the Golf Course Superintendent during grown-in on 10 new golf courses, designed by such famous architects as George & Tom Fazio; Pete Dye; Ted Robinson; Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish, Robert Bruce Harris and Jack Nicklaus, in the three distinct growing medians in the US. Being an agronomist for the PGA TOUR was a grand experience, setting-up 47 tournaments on the regular tour, in 20 different states and one in Canada, as I shall always treasure this as a very important milestone in my further learning of the art of greenkeeping.

The accomplishment that I am most proud of was being awarded the Master Greenkeeper Certificate by The Right Honourable The Lord Griffiths, MC, during BTME '94 in Harrogate. It was my first trip across the pond and my wife, Debbie, and I had loads of fun as we made many new friends in the process and had many, many laughs with the nice people of the UK.

I keep very busy as a contributing editor for *Golf Course News* magazine while writing the monthly column titled "The Savvy Superintendent" and other

feature columns and as an advisory board selection panelist for *Golf Digest* magazine for all of their rating contests, such as America's 100 Greatest Courses and The Best New Courses. Also, I and on the GCSAA Certification Committee for the Musser International Turfgrass Foundation, Green Section Committee for the United States Golf Association, and a Research and Advisory Board Member for Total Quality Management (TQM) in Golf & Country Clubs. One of my proudest moments was while I was golf course superintendent at the Double Eagle Club in Columbus, Ohio, *Golf Digest* magazine in their May, 1995 issue ranked Double Eagle the 2nd best conditioned course in America, Augusta National was ranked in first place. *Golf* magazine, in their

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June, 1996 issue ranked in first place. *Golf* magazine, in their June, 1996 ranked the Double Eagle Club 4th best conditioned course in the US.

Last year, after doing agronomy consulting work for 20+ years part-time, I decided to give full-time agronomy consulting a try and formed my own company, travelling worldwide to share my many experiences with greenkeepers, superintendents and other course officials. Most of my consulting work entails grown-in during new construction and restoration/renovation projects; tournament conditioning on established courses, due diligence agronomy audits for course officials and routine maintenance issues. Gordon Irvine, MG, and I have discussed the possibility of working together on some selected projects as well as hopefully with Jeremy Slessor of European Golf Design. Thank you and have a great summer.

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