

Terry Buchen becomes world's fifth master greenkeeper

Terry Buchen, superintendent at Double Eagle Club in Galena, Ohio, has become only the third American and fifth in the world to earn the coveted Master Greenkeeper Certificate.

David Golding, education officer for the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA), has informed Buchen the certificate will be presented Jan. 19 in Harrogate, England, at the BIGGA turf management

exhibition.

"I've been a certificate golf course superintendent since 1978 and this was something to do — another mountain to climb," said Buchen, a *Golf Course News* contributing editor.

Last January, Prince Andrew presented the certificate to Robert Maibusch of Hinsdale Golf Club in Clarendon Hills, Ill., and William Montague of Oakwood Club in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Only three other greenkeepers, all from

Britain, have qualified for the MGC, which is awarded only after extensive education and examination.

Joe Baidy, vice president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, administered the test to Buchen, who termed it "very



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hard," entailing six hours of writing essay answers to six questions.

Buchen said "a lot of different approaches to maintaining golf courses are used in the British Isles and Europe, and so I wanted to study them and pass the test. Basically their fairways and roughs are not irrigated. They use a lot of different grasses because of watering practices and the mild climate."

Buchen studied six months

before taking the examination.

Now he will accept the award in January and has been asked to speak on a topic of his choice as well.

A graduate of Penn State University, Buchen was a member of the United States Golf Association Green Section Greens Committee from 1977 to 1984, was associate agronomist for the PGA Tour in 1979-80, and has worked on construction of several golf courses. He joined BIGGA in 1984.

John's Island Club gives \$6,000 to research for 5th year

ORLANDO, Fla. — The membership of John's Island Club in Vero Beach contributed \$6,000 to the Florida Turfgrass Research Foundation for future turfgrass research.

"This is the fifth consecutive year that our foundation has received a \$6,000 contribution from John's Island," stated Bob Yount, executive director of the Florida Turfgrass Association.

The money will be used to help the foundation find new environmentally sound maintenance techniques, develop new grasses for Florida and protect the future of Florida golf, which is a \$5.2 billion dollar industry in the state. 1.5 billion is direct golfer spending and 20% is non-resident/visitor spending.

"To me and to all of Florida's turf industry, this shows the dedication of John's Island's members to help find ways to protect Florida's turfgrass and the future of our state," said Yount.

Michigan State adds two faculty to its turf staff

Michigan State University has hired Greg Lyman as its new Environmental Education Specialist for turf and David Gilstrap as coordinator of the two-year program in lawn care and athletic turf maintenance at the Institute of Agricultural Technology.

Lyman, who the last two years has been involved in MSU's pesticide education programs, has taken over for Dr. Frank Rossi. A landscape horticulture graduate of MSU with a master's degree from Penn State in horticulture, he will focus his attention on the issue of loading, washing and rinsing pads.

Gilstrap was most recently on the faculty at Texas A&M, where he earned his master's degree in agronomy, and worked as a sales representative for a Texas-based turf products distributor.



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