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Travels With Terry

Globetrotting consulting agronomist Terry Buchen visits many golf courses annually with his digital camera in hand. He shares helpful ideas relating to maintenance equipment from the golf course superintendents he visits – as well as a few ideas of his own – with timely photos and captions that explore the changing world of golf course management.

SIDE AND BACK BOARDS

At the Bald Peak Colony Club in Melvin Village, N.H., Ian Ladd, mechanic, and Todd Pollini, superintendent, built wooden side and back boards for a Toro Workman using scrap wood. The back board measures 55 inches by 13 inches by ½ inch and was painted with two coats of leftover green paint. The side boards measure 63 inches by 10 inches by ½ inch and they were left natural with no paint, stain or waterproofing. The wooden stakes are two-by-fours that were cut in half lengthwise. Each measures 2-feet long; they're attached to the side boards and back board with sheetrock screws and there's a horizontal 2-inch by 2-inch board attached between both stakes, also with sheetrock screws, for added support. With the added bed height, lightweight materials such as grass clippings, leaves and mulch can be transported in greater volumes. The total labor time was about one hour. There were no material costs because they used scrap wood and on-hand supplies.



EXHAUSTING ALL OPTIONS

Jim Swartzel, equipment manager, Justin Bowman, assistant mechanic, and Craig De Jong, superintendent, at The Hasentree Club in Wake Forest, N.C., modified their Toro Multi Pro 5700 Sprayer so the engine exhaust would not burn the grass when it sits in one location for 10 to 15 minutes while spraying. (They first tried putting a board on the grass with limited results). The exhaust was extended and moved upward using a 1 7/8-inch diameter flexible exhaust pipe approximately 18 inches long. The pipe was attached to the existing exhaust pipe with a muffler clamp and the end was raised to another muffler clamp that was welded to the bottom of the sprayer operator's foot step. The ends of the flexible pipe were filed down to remove any sharp edges. The project took about one hour; materials cost about \$10. **GCI**

