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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.

BUNKER SLOPES ROLLER

These bunker rollers, available in two size widths, are used to pack the bunker faces to prevent balls from plugging, which are initially used in the spring and as-needed during the season at the Priddis Greens Golf & Country Club in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, that were designed and built in-house by Peter Kavanagh and James Beebe, golf course manager.

The 9-inch-wide roller used in the corners of the bunkers are made from used 1.5" square tubing from golf cart canopy support uprights for the handles, two 4" slip couplers, two 4"-x-2" reducers and a 2" end cap drilled out 3/4-inch diameter for the threaded rods, and a 4-inch-wide aluminum top plate 3/16th-inch-thick and two triangle-shaped end plates the same thickness that were welded together. There is one handle for the 9" model and two handles for the 18"-wide model, which also has two more slip couplers and a T-bar handle.



LIGHT IT UP

Jeff Jamnik, equipment manager, at the Great S/W Golf Club in Grand Prairie, Texas, got tired of using a flashlight or a corded light with magnet to see better while operating their 2006 Foley Accu-Pro Model #6320930 Reel Grinder. Jamnik purchased three Ulitech 34 3/4" T5 Florescent light fixtures from Home Depot and installed them on the top of the frame on both sides and one below the doors facing upwards. They are linked-together and plug right into the grinder light plug supplied by Foley which is located behind the control panel, which are turned on and off automatically when the machine is being used or turned off. The lights are attached with double stick tape and the wires are placed inside of a black plastic loom, which are attached with plastic clips and tape sized to the clips. The cost for materials was about \$150 and the labor time was about three hours. **GCI**

