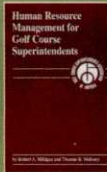
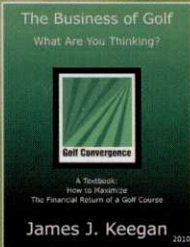
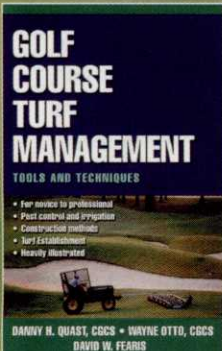




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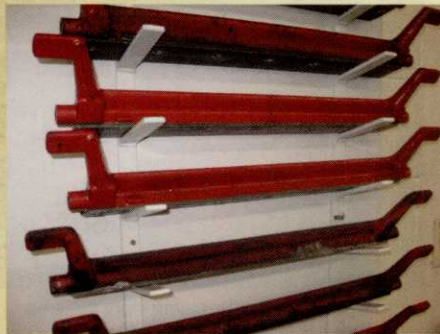


## Travels With Terry

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.

### BEDKNIFE RACKS

The storied Turf Equipment Management Program at Florida Gateway College has set the standard for training equipment managers in the science and art of maintaining and repairing golf course maintenance equipment. Mark Yarick, professor and program coordinator and Jonathan Morriss, instructor, along with student help, built these bedknife racks that are made from 1-inch-wide steel strips. They are about 42 inches long, but they can be made any length. A 1-inch strip was used for the support pieces, which are 4 inches long and spaced 4 inches apart and welded at a slight angle to keep the bedknives from sliding off. They made them in pairs and attached them to the wall at the appropriate distance apart to accommodate the bedknives' length. They are attached to the wooden studs underneath the drywall with appropriately-sized wood screws depending on the length and overall anticipated weight of the bedknives. The materials were in stock and it took about four hours of labor time.



### GREENS COVER TRAILER

This trailer was built totally out of recycled materials around the shop to transport winter greens covers in the fall and spring. Two employees can easily drag the covers on and off without having to lift them off the ground because of the low-profile design. The covers can be tied down to the railings and the trailer can also haul tree limbs and other material. Recycled 1.5 inch x 6-foot to 8-foot long fence posts, 1/5-inch and 2-inch metal tube stock, 4-inch U-bolts, one axle with 16.5-inch x 6-inch x 8-inch wheels and four-ply turf tires, welding rods, two cans of primer and spray paint and a 4-foot x 8-foot piece of 3/4-inch marine plywood flooring were used. Bob Pruneau, equipment manager at the Halifax Golf & Country Club (Old Ashburn), Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, designed and built them. The recycled materials were all in inventory, the spray paint cost about \$25 and it took about eight hours to build.



## SOD CUTTER TRAILER

Bob Pruneau, equipment manager at the Halifax Golf & Country Club (Old Ashburn), Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, designed and built this Ryan Jr. Sod Cutter user-friendly trailer. When the tow bar is in the vertical position, the sod cutter is attached to the trailer with a 1-inch x 32-inch long round rod stock that slides through factory-drilled holes in the sod cutter, with holes drilled on each end of the rod for lynch pins to hold it in place. The tow bar is then lowered to the horizontal position and the sod cutter is cantilevered onto the trailer with a perfect weight balance. 2-inch x 2-inch x 1/8-inch thick square tube stock & 1/8-inch flat metal stock was all welded together and painted green and one recycled axle with 16.5-inch x 6.5-inch x 8-inch wheels and four-ply turf tires were used. The materials were all recycled and in inventory, except the primer and paint at \$15, and the labor time was about six hours.



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