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## Travels With Terry

Globetrotting consulting agronomist Terry Buchen visits many golf courses annually with his digital camera in hand. He will share 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.

## THE CORSETTI

This Gandy Model #36H13 36-inch-wide drop spreader/seeder is outfitted with two Fox Valley Easy Marker spray guns. The operator sprays either side of the seeder with marking paint to identify the winter overseeding delineation around the greens, bunkers, etc., with ease. Half-inch diameter electric conduit was flattened 1.5 inches long from both ends on angle with a hammer, ¼-inch bolt holes were drilled on both ends of the conduit and on the back end of the seed hopper. The holes were already drilled on the bottom of the paint guns and a ⅜-inch hole was drilled in the gun handle being careful of the paint trigger mechanism. The gun handles were bolted to a ⅜-inch-by-20-inch-long threaded rod that was held in place on the seeder handle with a threaded ⅜-inch “U” bolt. All of the materials were in inventory and it took about one hour to build. This idea was conceived by former superintendent Scott Grumman and it was designed and built by Joe Corsetti, equipment manager, at The Members Club at Grande Dunes in Myrtle Beach, S.C.



## PAINT/PIGMENT TURF APPLICATIONS

Rob Vaughan, superintendent at the Brunswick Plantation and Golf Resort in Calabash, N.C., has perfected the art of applying paint to the greens, tees and fairways instead of winter overseeding the Bermudagrass turf, for the overall health of the plant. This application technique has earned Vaughan a reputation among his peers as “Mr. Paint.” Vaughan has tested every paint/pigment on the market for the past three years and his favorite one does not turn the turf blue. The \$300 OEM ceramic/carbon seal on the 175-gallon Cushman Spraytec sprayer pump was removed and replaced with a \$4.30 NAPA oil seal so the paint would not damage the pump. Paint applications first occur in mid December while the fairway turf is semi-dormant and again in January. Three to five lighter applications are applied to the Tifeagle greens. Tee Jet Nozzle model No. 8008 sprays the fairway base coat immediately followed with a No. 8004 nozzle that applies the finish coat. These are mounted together on a Quick Connect “Y” connector using 40 gallons of water per acre at 40 psi at 4 mph. Delavin No. 6 single nozzles are used on the greens at 50 gallons of water per acre at 50 psi at 4 mph. The green and fairway nozzles and “Y” connectors were less than \$150 and required less than 30 minutes of labor time to install. **GCI**

