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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.

WORLD'S GREATEST CART PATH CURBING

The Dorado Beach Resort & Club in Dorado, Puerto Rico, has replaced their 6-inch-high cart path curbing on the par-4 10th hole on the Sugar Cane Course with a state-of-the-art curb where it is now impossible for a golf cart to jump over the curbing and drive onto the turf. The new curbing is made out of local concrete cinder blocks that are 15.25 inches long and 7 inches thick that have a natural, rustic appearance. A hand-formed concrete rolled cap is placed on top of the cinder blocks giving a total height of 11 inches. Brad Boyd, director of agronomy, and Randall Small, Sugar Cane superintendent, had their staff install the new curbing from tee to green as a test to see how keeping the golf carts on the path on the entire hole affected play and comments from the members and the resort guests. The feedback has been very positive and Boyd is planning on installing additional



tee to green cart paths on the 72-hole venue. The cost is about \$3.50-\$4 per lineal foot installed, 1,700 lineal foot total. The Dorado Beach East Course is hosting the Puerto Rico Classic on November 12th-18th during the inaugural 2012 PGA Tour Latinoamerica. GCI

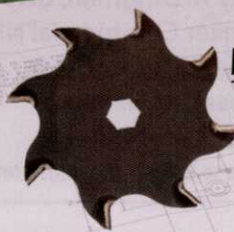
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