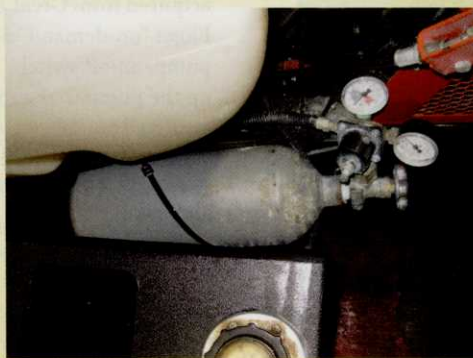


Travels With Terry

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.

UNIQUE DYE MARKING SYSTEM

The multi-talented team of Bill Larson, CGCS, Ryan Browning and Erik Tolzmann, assistant superintendents, and Mike Romundstad, golf course mechanic, at the Town & Country Club in Saint Paul, Minn., have devised a very efficient and unique dye marking system for their 1992 SmithCo 100-gallon green and tee sprayer booms. A 5-gallon soda fountain dispensing tank – obtained free from the clubhouse – has 3 ounces of Becker Underwood Turf Mark Dye added that is mixed together during transport. A CO2 tank, filled at Praxaire for less than \$10, is filled with 160 pounds providing 3-5 psi pressure to the two small ball valves located on either side of the steering wheel that control the dye to each respective spray boom. A ¼-inch diameter flexible plastic hose runs from the ball valves to the end of each boom and then ¼-inch flexible rubber fuel line hoses are used for the Tee-Jet flat spray nozzles hanging on the boom ends. The nozzles are turned sideways so a very narrow spray line can be turned on and off creating a dashed line or a solid spray line. Material cost was about \$75 and it took about three hours to install.



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