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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.

TENNIS COURT DRAG MAT

The tennis court nets at The Club at Admirals Cove in Jupiter, Fla., last about 6 months and then they are replaced. Two recycled nets are held together with zip ties. One-half-inch diameter PVC irrigation pipe slips through the slots on both sides where the cable that holds the tennis court nets in place normally goes. The irrigation pipe is then filled with sand for added weight and then caps are installed on both ends. The irrigation pipe flexes masterfully with the ground contours when the fairway mower bermudagrass clippings are scattered and dispersed to perfection. The ¼-inch diameter tennis net cable is used as the tow cable. It took about one hour to assemble the drag mat and it cost less than \$25 for the materials. Bill Brousseau is the director of golf course maintenance, Steve Judd, superintendent of the Golf Village, and Blair Kirby, superintendent of the East Course, John Lombardi is the equipment manager, and Clay Bormuth is the assistant technician of this 45-hole venue.



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