

Travels With Terry

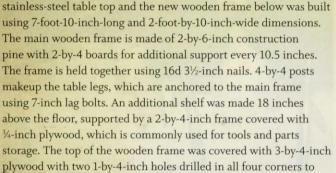
Globetrotting
consulting agronomist
Terry Buchen visits
many golf courses
annually with his digital
camera in hand. He
shares helpful ideas
relating to maintenance
equipment from the golf
course superintendents
he visits — as well as
a few ideas of his own
— with timely photos
and captions that
explore the changing
world of golf course
management.



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MECHANIC'S STAINLESS-STEEL SHOP TABLE

The Kenosha (Wis.) Country Club remodeled their clubhouse kitchen and they were given a discarded stainless steel table, which was recycled by Scott Verdun, golf course superintendent, Nate Keller, former assistant superintendent, and Dann Steltenpohl, mechanic, and transformed into a mechanic's stainless-steel shop table. The legs were cut-off of the 8-by-3-foot



slide the original table leg supports into. With all its sturdiness, this table can easily support the weight of two walk-behind greens mowers in addition to a 210-pound superintendent, who tested the stability and safety. This table is quite heavy and sturdy, which does not require it to be bolted to the floor, so it can be moved whenever necessary. The total material costs were approximately \$80 and it took about 1½ hours to build.







EQUIPMENT LIFT TABLE

The 4-foot-by- 4-inch wooden lift table is placed on the lift arms on the Trion Equipment Lift, which is held in place by gravity and it can be easily removed as required. It is used primarily to elevate the walk-behind green's mowers and small equipment for daily service and preventative maintenance. The table top is made of 34-inch plywood. The bottom of the table is supported by three 44-inch 2-by-4 beams screwed to the plywood and three additional 44-long inch 2-by-4 beams at 90 degrees for additional support and stability on the lift. All screws on the surface were countersunk so moving equipment around would not catch on the screws. The front rollers of the walk-behind mowers are placed on the platform then the handle is lifted to place the rear roller and transport wheels onto the table in lieu of using ramps. All of the materials were already in stock. If they were purchased the project would have cost approximately \$35. Total labor time was about one hour. Scott Verdun, superintendent, former assistant superintendent Mike Kudrna, and mechanic Dann Steltenpohl are the innovators at the Kenosha (Wis.) Country Club.



