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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.

ADAPTED ACCELERATOR LINKAGE

This 2013 John Deere Gator TX 4x2 utility vehicle's accelerator pedal linkage can be bent upwards that allows it to operate at a faster speed. This was obviously a safety concern and operating the engine at higher RPM's could potentially cause damage to the engine. The accelerator linkage was removed and a ¼-inch diameter steel rod was welded from the top of the linkage to the bottom and then painted with glossy black enamel. This prevents anyone from bending the linkage whatsoever. The materials cost about \$2 per vehicle and it took about 30 minutes total labor time. Bill Brousseau is the director of golf course maintenance; Steve Judd, superintendent, of the Golf Village; Blair Kirby, superintendent, of the East Course; and John Lombardi is the equipment manager at The Club at Admirals Cove in Jupiter, Fla., a 45-hole venue.



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