

Can you identify this sports turf problem?



Problem: Depression on Turf
Turfgrass Area: Baseball Field
Location: Florida
Grass Variety: 419 Bermudagrass

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tried to become a better manager of the irrigation cycles, water only when needed, try to stretch programs as far as possible and tried to stay up to date with all the new products and technology such as moisture sensors.

Qualified manpower is a major issue for us as well. We have a unique program that combines an outside contractor, Larry Rider of Turfgrass Professionals of Texas, and in-house personnel. This system has worked well for us over the past 4 years. With Larry's help, we were the first in Texas to use nematodes for mole cricket control.

Time management and work scheduling are my biggest daily concerns with 25 acres of athletic fields and two staff members and the outside contractor. We have to meet a lot of challenges but that's what keeps me coming to work everyday. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along the way.

Jeff Fowler, Penn State extension agent

A third-generation extension agent, Jeff Fowler from Penn State received the Dr. William Daniel Award last winter. This award is presented to a university-connected STMA member being recognized for his or her long-term support of the association. Fowler's educational programs and research are focused primarily in turfgrass management and athletic field safety in his northwest Pennsylvania region. He also

edits a quarterly newsletter, "Between the Lines," for the Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO), the STMA's state chapter, for which he also is a Board member. Fowler also serves on the STMA's Editorial and Information Outreach committees and, most famously, is co-founder along with Steve LeGros of GrassStains Productions, which produces inspirational videos for turf professionals that help raise STMA scholarship funds.

Fowler is also on the boards of his local Red Cross and United Way-Funds Distribution organizations, and volunteers each summer for the Little League World Series grounds crew, which is directed by his father, Don.

Fowler recently responded to some questions from *SportsTurf*.

ST: What's the role of the contemporary extension agent? How has it changed since your grandfather's and father's day, and how do you think it will change in the next decade?

Fowler: The new and modern Extension Educator plays the same role as an Extension agent 85 years ago, education. Cooperative Extension extends research from the University to the citizens. When the County Agent arrived 85 years ago farmers would look to them for information about the latest and greatest research available for them. In the 21st century people look to us for the same type of information.

The biggest change is that when my dad and grandfather were extension agents, many of the agents were generalists. They knew a little

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This depression was caused by a fallen cement light pole as a result of Hurricane Wilma. When the hurricane hit South Florida, the Boynton Beach Little League Park was one of the many fields that fell victim to the storm. This 24-inch diameter cement light pole was not pulled from the ground but actually broken at the base, and subsequently fell on the field, crushing fencing netting and bleachers not to mention turf. The pole remained on the turf for more than 2 months until the city could find a crane company that was available to lift the poles off the field. Shortly after this photo was taken the field was rebuilt entirely with volunteer labor and funds and featured on ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" reality show that aired last March 30 as a rebuilding effort after the Hurricane season of 2005.

Thank you to Jody Rivers, Parks Manager for the City of Boynton Beach for allowing me to take these photos. ■

If you would like to submit a photograph for John Mascaro's Photo Quiz please send it to John Mascaro, 3669 NW 124th Avenue, Coral Springs, FL 33065 or email to john@turf-tec.com. If your photograph is selected, you will receive full credit. All photos submitted will become property of SportsTurf magazine.

STMA in Action

STMA has a strong history of volunteerism and this year STMA has the highest number of volunteers involved since the association began in 1981. Some subcommittees are forming now to manage projects developed by the umbrella committee and others will be called upon later this year as needs arise.

It is STMA's goal to involve more members through committee service. To that end, STMA will be reorganizing its committee process this summer and will present its plan to the membership in the fall, with the new process in place for 2007.

2006 STMA Committees

Awards

To judge the association's awards program applicants selecting the Field of the Year winners, the Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Manager of the Year, and to develop strategies to enhance the programs.

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To develop association bylaws that are fair and enforceable, and clearly define the expectations for membership, governance processes, and board of directors service.

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Certification

To develop strategies to grow the number of certified members; to consistently monitor the program and recommend enhancements to ensure that the program is the top achievement for sports turf managers.

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To create a chapter structure that is beneficial locally and nationally; to financially assist chapters with their administrative, operations and educational efforts; to facilitate the sharing of best practices.

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Conference

To develop all content, sessions, workshops and off-site venues, and select speakers and moderators for the next year's conference that will make it a "must attend" event for members and nonmembers; to recommend strategies that will drive attendance to the exhibition and will add value to exhibitors.

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