



Can you identify this sports turf problem?



Problem: Brown hard area on field
Turfgrass Area: Athletic Field
Location: University of North Texas
Grass Variety: Celebration Bermuda

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- 3) Fax (785-843-2977)

A renewal invoice will be mailed to you in November, but you can also easily renew with your conference registration form. As always, you can write one check for your conference registration, national dues, and local chapter dues.

STMA will be raising its dues slightly for the student and sports turf manager categories. These categories have not had an increase in more than 4 years and during that time benefits have been enhanced and the cost of doing business has increased. However, the primary reason for the dues increase is to provide more programs and services to you, our members. From the STMA membership survey conducted earlier this year, STMA learned that members want more education and informa-

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tion to help them do their jobs better. In 2007, look for more technical and practical information in an easy-to-access format on-line. For students, dues will increase from \$20 to \$25, and sports turf managers will pay \$110, up from \$95. Commercial dues will remain unchanged at \$295 and commercial associate dues at \$75. Dues for academia and researchers will stay the same at \$95. ■

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz



If you would like to submit a photograph for John Mascaro's Photo Quiz please send it to John Mascaro, 1471 Capital Circle NW, Suite 13, Tallahassee, FL 32303 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.

Answer: from page 16

The brown hard area is actually the top of a large chunk of concrete that somehow and miraculously made it through the rototilling and laser grading process and is near a hash mark directly on an athletic field playing surface. This concrete chunk first showed up as a small brown circle in October 2005 during fall football practice and as the players wore off the grass in this particular area with repetitive work, it became a bald dome as the concrete slowly revealed itself. The athletic field was built in August of 2004 with native soils that were once part of a golf course. The initial field contractor for rough grading was a typical soils excavation contractor hired by the building construction contractor, then UNT bid out the laser grading and sod work to sports field contractors to finish the work. The inset photo shows the size of the concrete chunk and since this part of the country was in severe drought conditions last year, one may assume the fields clay base shrank, pushing or floating the concrete chunk to the surface.

Photo submitted by Lanse Fullinwider, MCPTM, Grounds Manager, University of North Texas in Denton. ■