



Can you identify this sports turf problem?



Problem: Brown area on field

Turfgrass Area: Athletic Field

Location: Colorado

Grass Variety: Kentucky
bluegrass blend

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NIAAA members, who are the athletic directors for high schools, junior high schools, and middle schools. As an education partner, STMA offers to NIAAA information and access to local sports field managers who can provide technical knowledge and advice. Each organization shares information and promotes each other's events. STMA exhibits at the NIAAA annual conference, and has provided an instructor to co-teach "Athletic Administration: Athletic Field Management." Several members serve on NIAAA's Sports Turf Advisory Committee.

STMA, its charitable arm The SAFE Foundation, and NIAAA are also partnering to produce a mound-building and home plate maintenance instructional video/DVD. The video will be produced this month and be available to the members of each association.

STMA continues to seek out and develop meaningful partnerships with organizations and associations. These alliances are important on two fronts:

1) as organizations share resources and information, opportunities are created for joint projects that enhance both organizations (i.e. the mound building video with the NIAAA)

2) greater visibility leads to more influence and recognition for each organization and thus, for each member of the organization.

How do YOU benefit from partnerships?

The more exposure STMA has with credible, national organizations, the more awareness the profession receives. And, the more visibility for sports turf management, the greater the recognition STMA members receive. Organizations look to STMA members for their expertise in

sports field management. They understand that STMA members stay current with changing technologies and employ environmental stewardship. This establishes STMA members as "the experts" and the result is an increased respect for all sports turf managers. Add this to the good work you do on a daily basis, and the effects can be significant.

STMA also provides education to the National Recreation and Parks Association. We have been a staple at its annual conferences by exhibiting at its trade show and by having members present educational sessions. This year, member Stephen Wightman is presenting "Maximizing Your Ball Fields on Real-World Budgets."

Another partner, Minor League Baseball (MiLB), supports STMA members through its Sports Turf Manager of the Year awards program. The STMA Awards Committee selects the winners, and the STMA president presents the awards to the winners at the Baseball Winter Meetings annual awards banquet. STMA also provides information to each attendee about the benefits of having an STMA member at their baseball facility. This program promotes the importance of and the value minor league teams receive by having a sports field manager.

The American Sports Builders Association (ASBA) has relied on STMA for review of technical information on synthetic surfaces and for educational presentations at its annual conference, as did the International Association of Assembly Managers when it featured two STMA members at its annual conference.

The association has many opportunities to further build important partnerships and will be aggressively advancing this initiative throughout the remainder of this year and in 2007. ■

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

Answer: from page 38

This brown area is a result of a Dave Matthews Band concert held at the University of Colorado's Folsom Field in Boulder, 4 weeks before the first scrimmage game of the 2001. The small brown squares are where the stage footers were on plywood blocks, the larger brown area is the area directly in front to the stage. Even though the area was covered with commercial grade temporary flooring, the damage was still evident. The area was rejuvenated by using a solid tine aerifier four times during the 6-week window. They also used a 2-inch spike roller that also drops seed to create nice holes to put pre-germinated seed into. They seeded eight different times in order to be ready for their first televised game 6 weeks after the concert. They have not had a concert on the field since this event but there are talks about bringing them back again!

Photo submitted by Jason E. Depaepe, Athletics-Business Affairs at the University of Colorado at Boulder. ■



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