

STMA Field of the Year Program: Take Pride in Your Profession

Now is the perfect time to prepare your STMA Field of the Year Application. The deadline for materials to be received at STMA headquarters is October 15, 2007. STMA's prestigious Field of the Year program is in its 16th year and is getting stronger every year. With record numbers of applicants the past two years, competition is stiff! But with hard work and diligence, each and every STMA member has a field that could become Field of the Year. STMA presents awards in baseball, softball, football, and soccer categories at High School/Parks and Rec, College and University, and Professional levels.

Each Field of the Year Award winner is presented with a special plaque at the STMA Awards Banquet, held each year at the STMA Conference and Exhibition. This year, the Awards Banquet will be the evening of Friday,

Jan. 18, in Phoenix. In addition to the plaque, each STMA Field of the Year winner will receive free conference registration, up to \$500 towards lodging at the conference, STMA signature apparel, and a feature article in the official publication of STMA, *SportsTurf* magazine. These awards are generously supported by STMA's official awards sponsors Carolina Green Corp., CoverMaster, Hunter Industries, Scotts TurfSeed, Turface, and World Class Athletic Surfaces.

Take pride in your profession and submit your application for STMA Field of the Year and get recognition for your field and respect from your peers. For more information or to download an application, please log on to www.STMA.org or call (800) 323-3875. Remember the deadline for materials to be received is October 15, 2007. ■



Penn State's award-winning Jeffrey Field, with Beaver Stadium and famed Mount Nittany in the background

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John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

The irregular brown arrow shaped area on field was caused by running over a firework with a mower. The firework was not a little one that you buy at the store, but one of the big booms that are in the sky after a typical minor league game. According to the sports turf manager, the fireworks guy scouts the area for any extra, unexploded shells but apparently he missed one. The mower operator was mowing the multi-use park field behind the stadium when he hit a 3-inch shell (or "salute" as the fireworks guy called it) and it exploded, leaving this nice arrow shaped pattern in the grass.

The sports turf manager thinks the

"stem" of the arrow shape comes from the discharge chute on the zero turn rotary mower with a 60-inch deck. The mower was not damaged but the operator received a concussion and was put on the disabled list for 15 days. All things considered, it could have been worse. The mower operators also usually do a thorough check before they start mowing this particular area. I bet these guys on this crew do not need coffee in the morning to keep on their toes. ■

Photo submitted by TJ Brewer, Head Groundskeeper for the Burlington Bees in Burlington, IA, the Class A minor league affiliate of the Kansas City Royals.

If you would like to submit a photograph for John Mascaro's Photo Quiz please send it to Turf-Tec International, 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 become property of *SportsTurf* Magazine.

