Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: White lines on turf  
Turfgrass Area: Golf course fairway  
Location: Oxford, Mississippi  
Grass Variety: 419 Bermudagrass

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The white lines on this golf course fairway are in fact painted here on purpose. They are not the result of a runaway state DOT crew nor were they painted here for a model airplane runway. This golf course is located at the University of Mississippi and since this course is at a college, they have many different events on campus including this Southeastern Conference regional cross country race. For the event, it was decided to have the race directly on the golf course. The path was first laid out by the university track coach and then the maintenance department converted a spray machine to spray two paint lines at a time, 16 feet apart. The Sports Turf Manager then followed a golf cart with the track coach in it, spraying the course as they drove through producing these lines down the 17th fairway. The cross country course snaked through six fairways and two green slopes as well as several rough areas on the course. The sports turf crew also painted an SEC logo on one of the fairways for the event. After the Golf Course Assistant Director saw the logo, he liked it so much that the crew may be asked to paint it again for one of the clubs future golf tournaments.

Photo submitted by Gary Morris, Golf Course Superintendent at Ole Miss Golf Club, Oxford MS. Barry Arrington is Sports Turf Manager at Ole Miss and assisted in painting the course the logo on the fairway.

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