

# JOHN MASCARO'S PHOTO QUIZ

John Mascaro is President of Turf-Tec International

*Can you identify this sports turf problem?*

**Problem:** Slightly uneven turf  
**Turfgrass area:** Baseball outfield  
**Location:** Charleston, South Carolina  
**Grass Variety:** 419 Bermuda overseeded with perennial ryegrass

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The slightly uneven turf is not the result of a mole playing hide and seek; it is actually a water bubble. A couple years ago, this sports turf manager experienced almost perfect weather all winter long with adequate rainfall. Because of this, he did not have to irrigate all winter. In the springtime, the irrigation was needed and the first time he turned the system on, he noticed this rising bubble in the baseball outfield. The turf mat had become so thick during the winter that it had grown over several sprinkler heads and the irrigation head couldn't punch through it. The solution was simple; they got a pocketknife out and cut a slit in the top of the bubble. Care and luck also come into play as you are always hoping the nozzle is not pointing at you. The field was aerated heavily as well as dethatched and the problem has not appeared again. ■

*Photo submitted by Patrick Jonas, CSFM, Parks Maintenance Director at St. Andrews Parks & Playground in Charleston, SC.*



If you would like to submit a photograph for John Mascaro's Photo Quiz please send it to John Mascaro, 1471 Capital Circle NW, Ste # 13, Tallahassee, FL 32303 call (850) 580-4026 or email to [john@turf-tec.com](mailto:john@turf-tec.com). If your photograph is selected, you will receive full credit. All photos submitted will become property of *SportsTurf* magazine and the Sports Turf Managers Association.

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