

JOHN MASCARO'S PHOTO QUIZ

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Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Green sports field with two brown lines across field

Turfgrass area: Private boarding high School

Location: Dedham, Massachusetts

Grass Variety: 50% Bluegrass/50% Ryegrass

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These brown lines were the result of a wild good chase... literally. During the first week of October 2009, this high school field experienced an early frost. This field is near a river and migratory Canadian Geese have this nice green area on their list of favorite places to visit on their way to Florida for the winter. Many different techniques for transient goose relocation have been tried including fake Coyotes, radio controlled cars (fun but frustrating), repellent sprays, chasing with gators, golf carts and even dogs. On this occasion, 60 or so geese were performing their grass pulling and drop fertilizing techniques on the sports field when the Sports Turf Manager, assuming that the frost had completely broken that morning, took off in a utility vehicle to scare them off. As you can tell the frost was still on the turf in this shaded area and the brown tire marks appeared the following day. Since it was still in the growing season, the area recovered quickly and the Sports Turf Manager vowed to never get that frustrated with the geese again! He is now using a handheld green laser aimed at the turf or water when the flock comes around and is having good results in keeping them off the property.

Photo submitted by Peter Thibeault CSFM, Sports Turf Manager at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, MA.. ■



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. 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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