Can you identify this sports turf problem?

**Problem:** Dark green lines on turf  
**Turfgrass area:** Golf tee box  
**Location:** Overland Park, Kansas  
**Grass Variety:** Bentgrass

**Answer to John Mascaro’s Photo Quiz on Page 23**
This municipal golf course in Kansas experienced a severe thunderstorm last May where they received almost 5 inches of rainfall within a 2-hour period on the golf courses and their athletic fields. The dark green lines on turf are a telltale sign of a lightning strike with the strike in the center and the finger-like lines of where the electricity spread out. If a golfer or maintenance worker were present during this storm, the photo would have a whole different ending. A couple days later, the turf turned brown in these dark green areas. There was also extensive flooding on the golf course and sports facility. The city’s synthetic fields received enough rainfall that the surface “wrinkled” but went down so fast that the parks supervisor was unable to get a photo.

Photo taken by Terry Rodenberg, superintendent for recreation services, City of Overland Park, at the St. Andrews Golf Course.

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.