

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

SportsTurf is proud to introduce a new feature, "John Mascaro's Photo Quiz." The history of this interactive feature dates back more than 44 years to John's father. The late Thomas Mascaro was an inventor, entrepreneur, and educator with a strong interest in turfgrass problems. He invented the Aerifier in 1946 and the Verti-Cut in 1955 as well as many other products for the turfgrass industry. He traveled extensively and took at

least 100,000 turf-related photos. For 21 years, beginning in 1961, Tom Mascaro used his slide collection to write a monthly column for *Golf Course Management* magazine and its predecessors, *The Golf Course Reporter* and *The Golf Superintendent*.

Beginning in September 2003, John Mascaro, president of Turf-Tec International, revived this fun and informative feature in *Golf Course Management*. Starting in this issue, we will publish a sports turf version of "Photo Quiz." It will contain a photo of a prob-

lem that can occur on athletic field and some clues that will allow the reader to try to figure out what caused the problem. The answer will appear on another page in the magazine.

This quiz will be interactive by also allowing our readers to submit photographs for consideration for future installments of the Photo Quiz. If selected, the photo submitter will receive full credit in the magazine. All photos submitted will become property of *SportsTurf* and the Sports Turf Managers Association. We hope you enjoy this new feature. ■

Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Green circles

Turfgrass Area: Sports field

Location: Hawaii

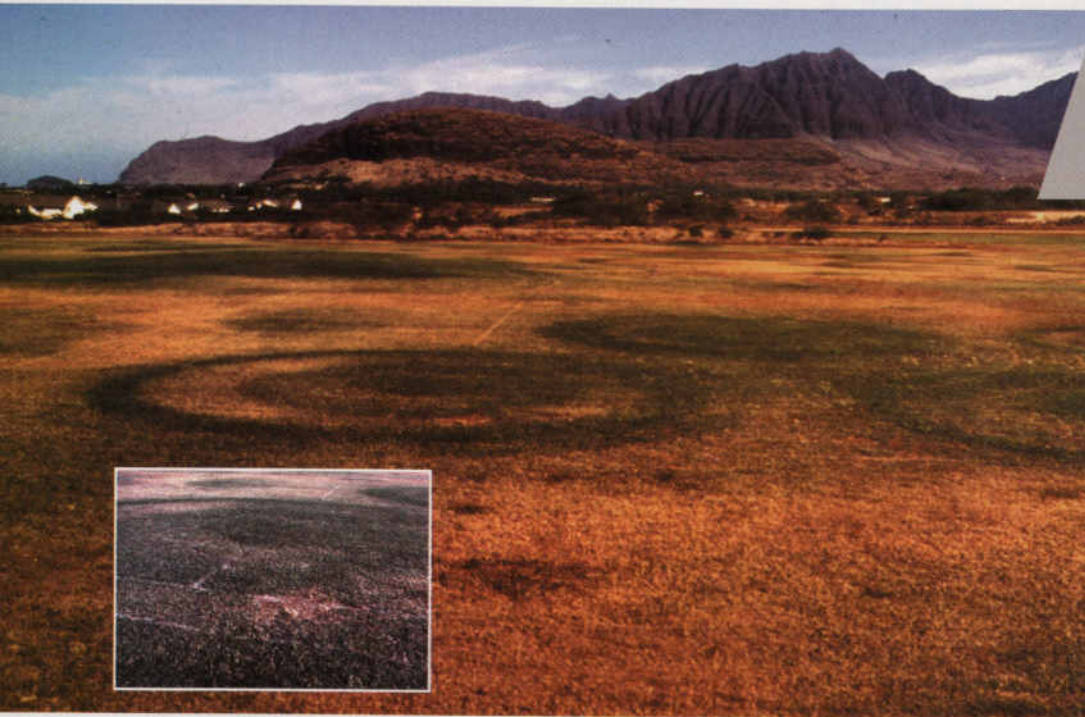
Grass Variety: Kikuyugrass Grass



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John Mascaro is President of Turf-Tec International

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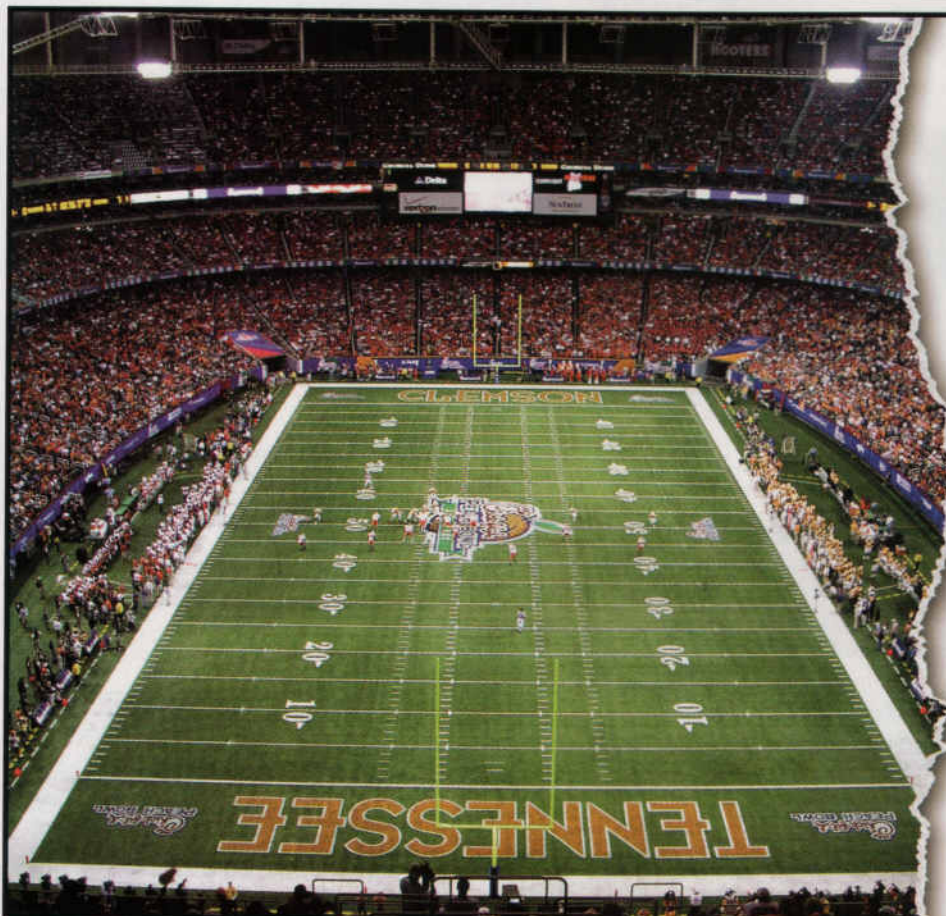


If you would like to submit a photograph for John Mascaro's Photo Quiz please send it to John Mascaro, 3669 NW 124th Avenue, Coral Springs, FL 33065 or email to john@turf-tec.com. If your photograph is selected, you will receive full credit. All photos submitted will become property of SportsTurf and the Sports Turf Managers Association.

Answer: from page 26

The green circles were caused by a sprinkler. The photograph taken from a distance shows the actual athletic field and the irrigation coverage with the lack of uniformity. The green rings are the areas where the sprinkler is watering and the brown areas are drought stressed turf. Too often, athletic field irrigation is not tested on a regular basis when rainfall is plentiful. When drought conditions strike and you have to rely on irrigation as the only means of plant survival, you want to be sure the system is up to standard. Often, pipes, valves, nozzles and heads break and are replaced in haste with improper sizes or brands. Coverage may seem fine until the turf is drought stressed, then the problems with uniformity really stand out.

These photos show that a proactive approach to sprinkler maintenance can go a long way to insure when it is needed, your irrigation system will perform properly and your sports turf field will not look like an alien spacecraft full of nitrogen landed on it. ■



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