

Can you identify this sports turf problem?



Problem: Green lines on grass in winter

Turfgrass Area: Grass tennis courts

Location: Northern Central U.S.

Grass Variety: Bentgrass

Answer to John Mascaro's Photo Quiz on Page 38

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January 17-20, 2007 STMA Annual Conference & Exhibition

San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter and Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

Tuesday, January 16

- 2:00 - 7:00PM Registration & Merchandise Open
- 4:00 - 8:00PM STMA Certification Exam *(pre-qualification and pre-registration required)*
- 4:00 - 8:00PM Chapter Officers Training (COTS) and Idea Exchange Session. *Reception immediately following.*

Wednesday, January 17

- 6:30AM - 7:00PM Early Registration
- 6:45AM - 3:00PM Optional: SAFE Golf Tournament - sponsored by Jacobsen, a Textron Company *(additional fee of \$125 before 12/15/06 or \$150 after 12/15/06 and pre-registration required)*
- 7:00AM - 3:00PM Optional: Seminar on Wheels Tour of Sports Facilities *(additional fee of \$60 before 12/15/06 or \$70 after 12/15/06 and pre-registration required)*
- 4:30 - 6:30PM Sports Turf Networking Kick-Off
- 7:00 - 7:30PM First Time Attendees Get Together Reception
- 7:30 - 10:00PM Welcome Reception

Thursday, January 18

- 6:45 - 7:45AM Networking Breakfast: A Forum for Women in the Industry
- 7:00AM - 7:00PM Registration & Merchandise Open
- 7:30 - 8:00AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 - 11:15AM Concurrent Educational Sessions
- 11:30AM - 12:45PM Lunch and STMA Annual Meeting
- 1:00 - 4:00PM General Sessions

4:00 - 8:30PM

8:30 - 9:00PM

Grand Opening of the Trade Show/Reception
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Friday, January 19

- 6:45 - 7:55AM CSFM Breakfast
- 7:00AM - 5:00PM Registration & Merchandise Open
- 7:30 - 8:00AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 - 10:00AM 3rd Annual Student Collegiate Challenge
- 8:00 - 10:00AM Concurrent Educational Sessions
- 10:00AM - 2:45PM Trade Show Open with Lunch
- 3:00 - 5:15PM Educational Sessions/PM Workshops
- 6:30 - 7:30PM Pre-Awards Banquet Reception
- 7:30 - 10:00PM Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 20

- 7:00 - 7:55AM Past Presidents' Breakfast
- 7:00AM - 12:00PM Registration
- 7:30 - 8:00AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:00AM - 12:00PM Educational Sessions *(additional fee of \$30 and pre-registration required)*
- 8:00AM - 12:00PM Certification Exam
- 9:00AM - 4:00PM Optional: Offsite Seminar/Workshop conducted by MLB/NFL/MLS *(additional fee of \$60 before 12/15/06 or \$70 after 12/15/06, and pre-registration required)*
- 12:15 - 1:15PM Lunch

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz



If you would like to submit a photograph for John Mascaro's Photo Quiz please send it to Turf-Tec International, John Mascaro, 1471 Capital Circle NW, Suite # 13, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or email to john@turf-tec.com. If your photograph is selected, you will receive full credit. All photos submitted become property of *SportsTurf Magazine*.

Answer: from page 16

The green lines on these clay-based turf tennis courts in the early winter are a vivid reminder of how important proper pH is to the soil. These tennis court lines had been made using chalk powder comprised of calcium carbonate. With each line marking during the year, the calcium carbonate slowly brought down the pH of the acidic clay-based soil on which the grass tennis courts were built. When winter brought its first cold temperatures, the grass turned brown first in the areas without the proper soil pH. The areas under the lines were still green and growing. This photo illustrates that having the correct soil pH allows for proper nutrient uptake throughout the year which will in turn, leads to better turfgrass health and winter hardiness on your athletic fields. ■

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