

JOHN MASCARO'S PHOTO QUIZ

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Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Small mounds on turf

Turfgrass area: High school baseball field

Location: Homer, Louisiana

Grass Variety: 419 Bermudagrass

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At this high school baseball field in Northern Louisiana, a creek runs alongside the field and this area is wet a lot of the time. Even though this field is located more than 200 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico, these mounds were created by crawdads. I have to admit; I have seen many, many different things over my years in the industry, but this one, I didn't believe until I saw the photos. In this part of the South, it is fairly common to have aquatic crayfish in a number of tasty recipes offered at restaurants, especially around New Orleans. These crustaceans, also known as crawdads, have a relative that lives on land and likes to tunnel into moist and water-saturated soils. They do not actually harm the turfgrass, but deposit a significant amount of dirt on top of their tunnel entrances. Occasionally, they also pop up in the infield area and clay. This coach has been taking care of the baseball field for over a year now and is unaware of any eradication techniques that have been used in the past; however he is looking into it. Perhaps they could combine a crawdad round up and seafood festival.

Photo submitted by Glen Kyle, head baseball coach and sports turf manager at Homer High School in Homer, LA.



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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