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-  Issue: April 2004
 - Turfgrass Area: Golf Green
 - Location: Rowlett, Texas
 - Grass Variety: Bentgrass
 - Problem: Mounds of sand surround ball marks

The background of the slide is a photograph of a golf course. In the foreground, there is a green with several brown, circular marks, likely from a cicada killer wasp. In the background, there is a line of trees and a building. A semi-transparent grey box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text.

Answer Choices:

- 1. Disease on all ball marks**
- 2. Golfer applying sand to ball marks**
- 3. Enormous Cicada Killer Wasps**
- 4. The reason why I am in this talk is that someone told me they were serving beer**

Answer # 3 - Enormous Cicada Killer Wasps (2 inch or 5 cm) found that ballmark damaged Bentgrass during the Texas summer heat was an easy entry point to dig their burrows.



**Photo courtesy of Morris Brown, Champion Turf Farm,
Bay City, TX. Jay Crocco is Golf Course
Superintendent at Buffalo Creek Country Club in
Rowlett, TX.**



Apr 2004

Cicada Killer Wasps (2 inch or 5 cm)

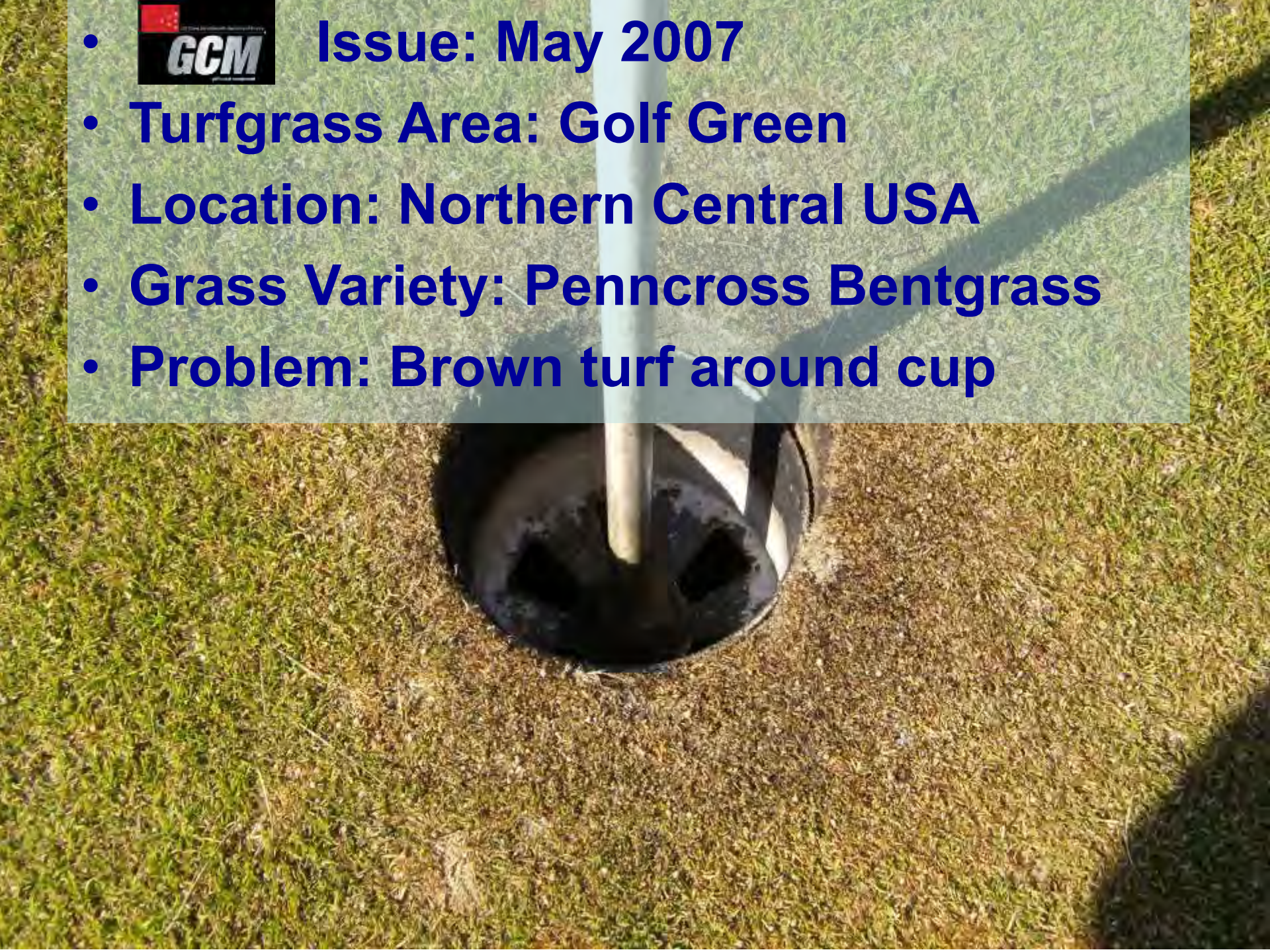


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Apr 2004

-  **Issue: May 2007**
- **Turfgrass Area: Golf Green**
- **Location: Northern Central USA**
- **Grass Variety: Pennncross Bentgrass**
- **Problem: Brown turf around cup**



Answer: Flag was frozen solid with ice. Employee wanted to mow the green in preparation for a tournament so they put kerosene in the cup and used a propane torch to thaw it



Photo courtesy of an anonymous sender.



May 2007

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- **SportsTurf** Issue: October 2010
 - Turfgrass Area: Football / Soccer Field Surrounds
 - Location: Callaway, Florida
 - Grass Variety: 419 Bermudagrass
 - Problem: Light green turf between curved lines

Landing Strip?



Photo Submitted by Tim Legare, CSFM,
Director for Leisure Services for the City
of Callaway, in Callaway, Florida.

SportsTurf Oct 2010

Relay for life event - 18 hour nonstop walking marathon – American Cancer Society



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SportsTurf Oct 2010

- **SportsTurf** Issue: February 2015
- Turfgrass Area: Soccer Field
- Location: Charleston, South Carolina
- Grass Variety: 419 Bermudagrass
- Problem: Brown muddy areas





Relay for Life event - The Parks Maintenance Director knew the event was going to be held, however he thought it was going to be on the track



Photo submitted by Patrick Jonas, CSFM and Parks Maintenance Director at St. Andrews Parks & Playground in Charleston, South Carolina



Missing Mower Operators



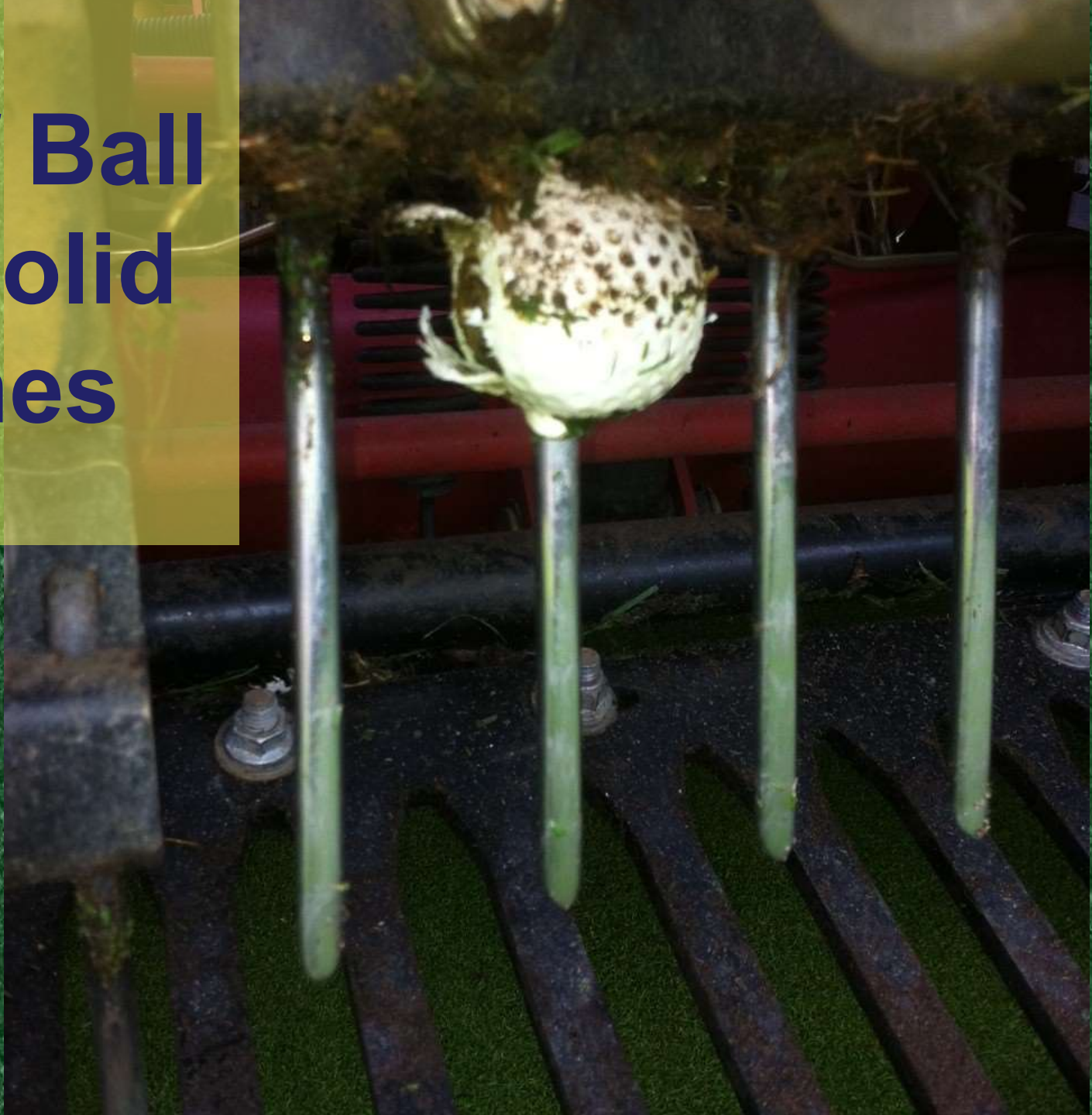
**Poorly applied
weed control**



Aerifier operators who get too close to irrigation heads



Golf Ball in solid tines



Golf Ball in solid tine damage



*** Photo submitted by
Peter Grass, CGCS at
the Hilands Golf Club
in Billings, Montana
(GCM Feb 2011)**

-  **Issue: August 2009**
- **Turfgrass Area: 9th fairway**
- **Location: Mississauga, Ontario, Canada**
- **Grass Variety: Bentgrass**
- **Problem: Brown and missing grass**





Answer Choices:

- 1. Ice gouging turf**
- 2. Another airplane crash**
- 3. Frozen irrigation line rupturing**
- 4. Are you sure that there is no beer being served here?**

**Answer # 1 - 2009 Quick thaw led to ice dam in river.
Sliding ice gouged and damaged the turf on 12
holes, several tees & greens and damaged about 200
trees and entire irrigation system.**



**Photo submitted by Jeff Stauffer, CGIA, Course
Superintendent at Credit Valley Golf & CC in
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada**



Aug 2009

Same fairway in June



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Aug 2009

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-  **Issue: September 2011**
 - **Turfgrass Area: Municipal Football / Soccer field**
 - **Location: Miami, Florida**
 - **Grass Variety: Infill artificial turf**
 - **Problem: Missing turf**

City of Miami, during the night someone came into the complex and removed a 900 square foot section



Photo submitted by Kevin Hardy, president of
Ballpark Maintenance, Inc., Miami, Florida



Sept 2011

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-  **Issue: September 2009**
 - **Turfgrass Area: Golf Green**
 - **Location: Kingwood, Texas**
 - **Problem: Intermittent brown spots on turf**

Answer Choices:

- 1.Vandalism**
- 2.Backpack blower**
- 3.Poor fertilizer application**
- 4.A golf tournament sponsored by a chewing tobacco company**





**Answer: # 2 - Backpack blower
and loose gas cap**

**Photo submitted by Steven Chernosky, Golf Course Superintendent at
The Deerwood Club in Kingwood, TX..**

Novice deer hunters



FAIL.

**Novice
Beavers**



Sandhill Cranes



Mark Jarrell, CGCS, Superintendent. Palm Beach
National Golf & Country Club, Lake Worth, FL



Dec 2007

Sandhill Crane damage



Mark Jarrell, CGCS, Superintendent. Palm Beach
National Golf & Country Club, Lake Worth, FL



Dec 2007

- **SportsTurf** Issue: May 2012
- Turfgrass Area: Bench area of soccer field
- Location: Callaway, Florida
- Grass Variety: 419 Bermudagrass
- Problem: Green line behind field



Spilled overseed



Photo Submitted by Tim Legare, CSFM,
Director for Leisure Services for the City
of Callaway, in Callaway, Florida.

SportsTurf May 2012

Spilled overseed



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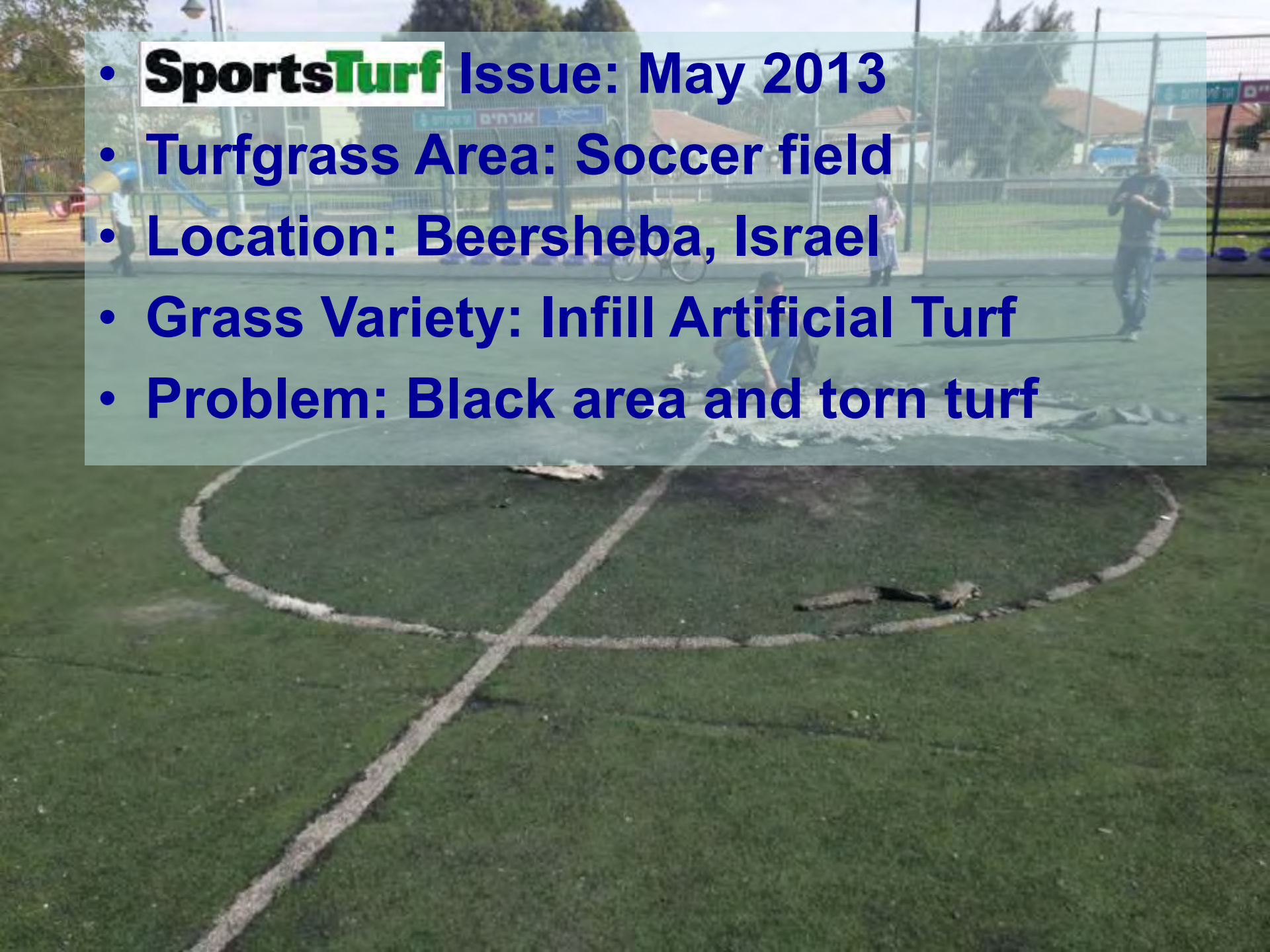
**Base – Poa – Used
Chewing's Fescue to match
color and Poa chokes it out
over time. Employee
grabbed Ryegrass**

Spilled overseed



Not used – Photo anonymous

- **SportsTurf** Issue: May 2013
- Turfgrass Area: Soccer field
- Location: Beersheba, Israel
- Grass Variety: Infill Artificial Turf
- Problem: Black area and torn turf









Answer: A rocket landing on this infill artificial turf field from Gaza Strip into Israel.

Photo Submitted by Doron Zur, Li Noy Company in Yavine, Israel.

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-  Issue: January 2011
 - Turfgrass Area: Golf Green
 - Turf Variety : Pennncross creeping Bentgrass
 - Location: Andover, Kansas
 - Problem: Sixteen inch deep hole in green

**Answer: Fox digging into green four nights in a row
on the same green**



**Fix – Chain link
fencing on green**

**Photo submitted by Ryan Bourne, GCS from Terradyne Country
Club in Andover, Kansas**



Jan 2011



The longer you are in this business the more you can recognize things because you have seen them before.....



John Leathers Facebook
(2014) - Assistant
Superintendent at Indian Hills
Country Club, KY



John Leathers Facebook -
Assistant Superintendent at
Indian Hills Country Club, KY



John Leathers Facebook -
Assistant Superintendent at
Indian Hills Country Club, KY

**Dump trucks too heavy
and too wide for your
equipment paths**



Flying COWS



Downed power Lines



May 2005

Photo courtesy of Mark A. Zendarski, Superintendent at Riverforest Country Club in Freeport, PA, a five year member of GCSAA.



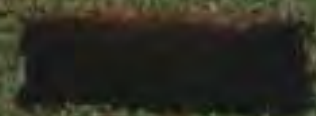
-  **Issue: December 2002**
- **Turfgrass Area: Golf Green**
- **Location: Southeastern United States**
- **Problem: Green had consistently thin grass and poor infiltration**



Answer: Layering.



No Layers



Equals good root
system and good water
infiltration!

