THE RENOVATION of the multipurpose field at Dexter Southfield included a massive import of fill material to elevate the western sideline to properly grade the field, along with the addition of a retaining wall. The new infilled synthetic turf field saw major upgrades to the drainage and storm-water management systems. The project also included tiered spectator seating built into the adjacent hillside, protective ball netting and fencing, a new scoreboard and sound box, and an LED athletic lighting system. The nearly 4-acre project was held to an aggressive three-month construction schedule so as not to impact campus operations and programs.

Dexter Southfield—Main Field  > Brookline, Mass.
Nominated By: ACTIVITAS INC.
Architect/Engineer: ACTIVITAS INC.
General Contractor: R.A.D. SPORTS INC.
Surface: SHAW SPORTS TURF
Base Pad: BROCK USA
Field Lighting: MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING
Goals, Benches, Equipment: SPORTSFIELD SPECIALTIES INC.
Drain Pipe: ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS INC.
Completed: NOVEMBER 2018

SILVER AWARD
Blockidge Field  > Swampscott, Mass.  > Huntress Associates Inc.

Althoff Catholic High School
Belleville, Ill.
Byrne & Jones Sports Construction

Bryant University–Beirne Stadium
Smithfield, R.I.
Moïne & MacBroom Inc.

Chaminade College Preparatory
Baseball Stadium
St. Louis, Mo.
Byrne & Jones Sports Construction

Cherokee Central Schools
Cherokee, N.C.
GeoSurfaces Southeast dba Medallion Athletics

Cooperville High School Stadium
Cooperville, Mich.
GMB Architecture + Engineering

Eastridge High School
Indio, Calif.
Labella Associates

Hamilton High School Stadium
Hamilton, Mich.
GMB Architecture + Engineering

Joseph P. Riley Ballpark
Charleston, S.C.
Carolina Green Corp.

Libby Field
Weymouth, Mass.
Activitas Inc.

Manasquan High School
Manasquan, N.J.
Suburban Consulting Engineers Inc.

Miami Trace High School
Washington Court House, Ohio
Sportworks Field Design

Point Pleasant High School
Borough of Point Pleasant, N.J.
Suburban Consulting Engineers Inc.

UNC Kenan Stadium
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Carolina Green Corp.

UW Green Bay Soccer Field
Green Bay, Wis.
Rettler Corp.

UW LaCrosse Soccer Field
LaCrosse, Wis.
Rettler Corp.

The Wheeler School Farm–Field 1
Seekonk, Mass.
Gale Associates

DISTINGUISHED SINGLE-FIELD FACILITIES
BABSON COLLEGE TENNIS COURTS
Wellesley, Mass.

Babson College’s existing tennis courts needed to be relocated due to expansion of the school’s indoor athletic facility. The eight new post-tension concrete courts, in two banks of four, were constructed in a previously undeveloped, wooded area, which required stripping out a layer of unsuitable soil and dealing with a 3:1 slope. The new courts were built into the hillside with a significant amount of cut and fill. A retaining wall with elevated spectator seating was provided north of the tennis courts. The project also included site drainage and electrical improvements, handicap accessible walkways, tennis court and site lighting, and landscape improvements.

Babson College Tennis Courts
Wellesley, Mass.
Nominated By: ACTIVITAS INC.
Number of Courts: 8
Architect/Engineer: ACTIVITAS INC.
General Contractor: R.A.D. SPORTS INC.
Specialty Contractor: CAPE AND ISLAND TENNIS & TRACK
Surface: CAPE AND ISLAND TENNIS & TRACK
Fencing: R.A.D. SPORTS INC.
Equipment: SPORTSFIELD SPECIALTIES INC.
Completed: JANUARY 2018

SILVER AWARD
Hoover Tennis Complex
Hoover, Ala.
Lower Bros. Co Inc.

BRONZE AWARD
Tempe Kiwanis Tennis Center
Tempe, Ariz.
Elite Sports Builders

DISTINGUISHED OUTDOOR TENNIS FACILITIES
City of Golden Valley–South Wesly Park Tennis Complex
Golden Valley, Minn.
Fred Kolkmann Tennis & Sports Surfaces LLC

City of Oshkosh–Menominee Park Tennis Court Complex
Oshkosh, Wis.
Fred Kolkmann Tennis & Sports Surfaces LLC

Grand Valley State University Tennis Courts
Allendale, Mich.
GMB Architecture + Engineering

Lakewood National Golf and Country Club
Lakewood Ranch, Fla.
Welsh Tennis Courts Inc.

Liberty North High School
Liberty, Mo.
McConnell & Associates Corp.

Lincoln Park Tennis Courts
East St. Louis, Mo.
McConnell & Associates Corp.

Northeastern University–Carter Playground Tennis Courts
Boston, Mass.
Stantec’s Sport Group

Overland Park Racquet Club
Overland Park, Kan.
McConnell & Associates Corp.
The Carter Playground Athletic Fields is a public/private partnership between the City of Boston Parks & Recreation Department and Northeastern University and supports programs at the university, South End Youth Soccer, Pop Warner Football, Cathedral Football, and city soccer, softball and Little League programs. The original natural grass field accommodated two softball/Little League diamonds. With additional land provided by Northeastern, there are now two new multipurpose, synthetic turf fields on the constrained site, including a full-size football field. The soccer-lacrosse field includes infrastructure to support an air structure so the field can be used in winter.

Northeastern University–Carter Playground Athletic Fields

Nominated By: STANTEC’S SPORT GROUP
Architect/Engineer: STANTEC’S SPORT GROUP
Specialty Contractors: FIELDTURF/CHENANGO CONTRACTING
Synthetic Turf: FIELDTURF
Base Pad: BROCK USA
Goals, Equipment, Shade Structures: SPORTSFIELD SPECIALTIES INC.
Completed: AUGUST 2018

DISTINGUISHED MULTI-FIELD FACILITIES

Hopkinton High School/Middle School Athletic Complex
Hopkinton, Mass.
Gale Associates

Lou Berliner Sports Park
Columbus, Ohio
The Motz Group

Mills Pond Park–Soccer & Lacrosse Complex
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
CSR Athletic Construction

Missouri Soccer Park at City of Boonville
Boonville, Mo.
Byrne & Jones Sports Construction

Sparta Area Schools Football Stadium, Baseball & Softball Fields
Sparta, Mich.
GMR Architecture + Engineering

TBK Bank Sports Complex
Bettendorf, Iowa
Byrne & Jones Sports Construction
THE NEW EIGHT-LANE track facility at the University of Alabama–Birmingham included installation of a 13.5-mm-thick surface on an asphalt track striped to 400 meters. Soil cement was added to the laser-graded subbase for stabilization. Construction was hampered throughout 2018 due to record rainfall in the Birmingham area. For the new facility, slotted running track drains were installed to channel rainwater off the track, while perimeter and flat drains were installed in the field and events areas.

University of Alabama–Birmingham Track & Field Facility

Birmingham, Ala.
Nominated By:
GeoSurfaces Southeast dba Medallion Athletics
General/Specialty Contractor: GeoSurfaces Southeast
Landscape Architect: Holcombe Norton Partners Inc.
Surface Installation: Medallion Athletics
Surface: Mondo
Asphalt: Sunbelt Asphalt
Track Equipment: Sportsfield Specialties Inc.
Completed: March 2019

SILVER AWARD
Central Cass High School
Casselton, N.D.
Fisher Tracks Inc.
**OUTSTANDING OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL FACILITY OF THE YEAR**

**SILVER AWARD**

Toscana
Indian Wells, Calif.
Zaino Tennis Courts Inc.

**DISTINGUISHED OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL FACILITIES**

Crow Valley Gold Club Tennis Facility
Davenport, Iowa
All Weather Courts Inc.

Menominee Park Pickleball Complex
Oshkosh, Wis.
Fred Kolkmann Tennis & Sports Surfaces LLC

Wildwood Park Pickleball Complex
Golden Valley, Minn.
Fred Kolkmann Tennis & Sports Surfaces LLC

**ANTHEM COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL CENTER**

Anthem, Ariz.

**Outstanding Outdoor Pickleball Facility of the Year**

Anthem Community Pickleball Center
Anthem, Ariz.

Nominated By: ELITE SPORTS BUILDERS
Number of Courts: 10
Contractor: ELITE SPORTS BUILDERS
Surface: CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS
Lights: FRASURE REPSLSI SPORTS LIGHTING
Nets, Posts: EDWARDS/ROLDRI DIV. OF ATHLETIC CONNECTION
Completed: NOVEMBER 2018

AFTER AN EXTENSIVE design process that included architects, engineers, local pickleball club members and representatives from the USAPA, construction began immediately on the new center. But, contrary to the soils report, a “hard dig” condition was found to exist, requiring the use of hydraulic ram-hoe excavators and a heavy drill rig to penetrate the rock and native soils—and creating production delays. The final project, with 10 post-tension concrete courts, includes custom-designed large shade structures with a custom central kiosk that acts as a main gathering and social area. The center was completed on time in nine months, and more than 140 people enjoyed the grand opening.
THE TOKAY HIGH SCHOOL Track & Field Stadium had fallen on hard times. The wooden bleachers had deteriorated badly and were only able to hold a few hundred fans, the track was out of conformance, the natural turf field was not draining during winter and the field events areas were in poor condition. Plus, the stadium did not have lights. The new and improved stadium now features a synthetic turf field with new irrigation, all-weather track with new field events, sports field lighting and a new scoreboard. Tokay Tiger fans can now view the action from a 2,000-seat bleacher unit (plus a press box), while visitors have their own 1,900-seat bleachers. There’s also pathway lighting, new hardscape and new landscaping.

Tokay High School
Lodi, Calif.
Nominated By: VERDE DESIGN INC.
Architect/Engineer: VERDE DESIGN INC.
Turf: FIELDTURF
Surface: BEYNON
Base Pad: BROCK USA
Lighting: MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING
Goals, Equipment: SPORTSFIELD SPECIALTIES INC.
Completed: DECEMBER 2018

THE NEW post-tension concrete court at this Montecito residence replaces a badly cracked and sinking asphalt court. To solve major drainage issues, the new court was shifted slightly north and west to provide a better subgrade. A channel drain was added at the south end along with a new 10-inch drain to transport rainwater to the storm drain. The custom-built fence uses 6- by 6-inch square posts over 3-inch round pipe. The wood top and center rails hold up green powder-coated square mesh. A pergola matching the fence design was added to the east side for seating and viewing.

White Picket Fence Residence
Montecito, Calif.
Nominated By: ZAINO TENNIS COURTS INC.
Specialty Contractor: ZAINO TENNIS COURTS INC.
Surface: ICP
Nets, Posts: EDWARDS/ROLDRI DIV. OF ATHLETIC CONNECTION
Completed: MAY 2017
THE HOMEOWNER wanted a set of pickleball courts with a leisure area, but the gradual downhill slope of the property made location a challenge. The contractor had to create a gravel equipment road to gain access to the site, and retaining walls were constructed and fill soil was imported. Uphill rainwater is collected at the retaining wall and directed around the court, and trench drains between courts collect and redirect surface water. The courts were aligned end-to-end with a slight contour that mirrors the existing hillside, and the center area between the two post-tension concrete courts serves as an aesthetically pleasing entrance.

Liberty Residential Pickleball Courts
Liberty, Mo.
Nominated By: MCCONNELL & ASSOCIATES CORP.
Number of Courts: 2
General Contractor: MCCONNELL & ASSOCIATES CORP.
Surface: MCCONNELL & ASSOCIATES CORP.
Post-Tension Cable, Hardware: TECH-CON SYSTEMS
Nets: DOUGLAS SPORTS
Completed: JULY 2018

ABOUT THE ASBA
The nonprofit American Sports Builders Association (ASBA) is a national organization for builders, designers and suppliers of materials for tennis courts, running tracks, natural and synthetic turf fields, and indoor and outdoor courts and recreational sports surfaces. The ASBA works to raise professional standards and ensure that consumers receive services of the highest quality. As part of its work to achieve this goal, the Association sponsors a certification program that permits experienced tennis court, running track and sports field builders to demonstrate their competency by completing an examination on all areas of construction.

LOOKING FOR A DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONAL?
With just a quick click, you can find exactly what you’re looking for at the American Sports Builders Association website, www.sportsbuilders.org. Use our online directory to find a business in your area with the skills or supplies you need.

On the left side of the homepage, select “Find a Builder/Designer/Supplier.” That link will allow you to sort by company name, state, product name and more. You’ll find full contact information, including address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail, web addresses and company personnel.

FROM THE ASBA CHAIRMAN
ON BEHALF of the American Sports Builders Association, I would like to congratulate the 2019 Outstanding Facilities of the Year Award winners and the team effort that these projects represent. The ASBA Awards Program has the goal of promoting the highest standards of construction excellence. Since 1996, ASBA has been honoring the award winners and recognizing their outstanding construction projects at the December Technical Meeting, our annual gathering. A complete listing of this year’s winners of awards, along with the winners from the past three years, can be found on ASBA’s website at www.sportsbuilders.org.

ASBA’s theme—“Build it Right”—is exemplified by the ASBA Awards Program. Each project represents a team effort between designers, builders and suppliers who have collaborated to produce the highest quality in sports construction. ASBA’s programs are built around educating the professionals in our industry, and providing networking and collaboration opportunities for our members. The strong partnerships that exist within ASBA among its builders, designers and suppliers are at the heart of this success.

Any ASBA members contributing to the design and/or construction of an outstanding project or facility are encouraged to submit an application for one of several industry awards.

Congratulations to this year’s award winners and thank you for continuing to set examples for others to follow.

Kristoff Eldridge, CTB
Chairman
American Sports Builders Association

ASBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Feb. 21-23, 2020 ASBA Winter Meeting, Los Suenos Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort, Costa Rica
March 4-5, 2020 ASBA Regional Meeting, Royal Sonesta Harbor Court, Baltimore, Md.
June 1, 2020 ASBA Awards Deadline
Dec. 3-8, 2020 ASBA Technical Meeting, Grand Hyatt, San Antonio, Texas

OUR WINNERS ‘BUILD IT RIGHT’
ASBA’S BROCHURE SPONSORS CONGRATULATE THE WINNERS OF THE 2019 FACILITY AWARDS