

STA Member Profile

Gordon Horsman • Sportsfield Manager • City of Moncton • New Brunswick



1. What is your role with the City of Moncton? City of Moncton Sportsfield Manager and Assistant Project Manager for six new ball fields.

2. What kind of team do you work with? Four casuals and eight students for our site alone.

3. What are you and your team responsible for? We drag and line ballfields, make sure our fields are safe to play on, maintain two and a half acres of flowerbeds and 450 young trees and roughly 500 irrigation heads.

4. What is the biggest challenge in your job? Making sure turf stays healthy, fields are safe to play on, and managing our crew.

5. What is the most satisfying part, what makes the job worthwhile for you? To see the kids and parents enjoy using the fields and engaging in sports and family events.

6. What is the biggest misconception about your job? That we just mow the grass.

7. What is your educational/employment background? I have a Grade 12 education with experience in project management, sand and soil blending, golf and sport field construction, and the University of Guelph's Turf Managers' Short Course.

8. Tell us about your family. Our daughter is graduating with a Masters in Library and Information Studies at Dalhousie

in the golf industry (oh, and keeping up to date on sports field construction!).

10. How has the industry changed and in what direction(s) would you like to see the industry, as a whole, move towards? IPM accreditation seems to be the way the industry will now educate and train employees. I hope this heightens the perception that we are managing our facilities with due diligence with pesticide



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University and our son is completing his Primary Care Paramedic at the Atlantic Paramedic Academy. My lovely wife of 24 years enjoys her career and sewing.

9. What do you enjoy doing outside of the workplace? Hobbies, favourite past times? Collecting antique golf clubs, playing the odd round and reading up on trends

reduction being our main goal. Lots of the day-to-day practices are second nature to the most important, IPM.

11. What do you consider to be the biggest benefit of being a member of the STA? Networking with great people along with opportunity to share knowledge and resources. ♦