Dr. R. W. Sheard Awarded an Honorary Life Membership to the STA

In 1979 he constructed a set of sand-based microgreens at the Cambridge Research Station, Cambridge, Ontario, for research in water use and fertilizer practices for turf on pure sand. He was associated with the development of several playing fields which were built on this principle.

In 1981 he served as Local Arrangements Chairman for the 4th International Turfgrass Research Conference and was editor of the proceedings. From 1968 through 1986, he taught soil science and plant nutrition at the Turf Managers Short Course.

In September 1990, following retirement, he took the position of Executive Secretary of the Sports Turf Association and began to put its administrative house in order as the organization was beginning to grow.

During this period he edited, supervised art work, printed, and marketed the Athletic Field Managers Guide for Construction and Maintenance. He also introduced the membership plaque, and edited and marketed the videotape series on turf. His other accomplishments include starting a members address book, complete with a code of ethics, constitution and bylaws; organizing field days and annual conferences; wrote and edited the Sports Turf Manager; and negotiated an office rental agreement to move the Sports Turf Association office to the Guelph Turfgrass Institute building in 1993. Prior to the move, the Association had been using an office out of his house. Bob resigned in 1994 from the position but continued to edit the newsletter, and designed and organized a booth to advertise and market the Association at conferences, seminars, and trade shows.

In 1993 Bob was hired as a consultant by the Ontario Jockey Club when Woodbine Racetrack was redesigned. He consulted on the E. P. Taylor Turf Track.

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