WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tom Hickey, District of Powell River, BC • Duncan Graham, Dundas, ON
(Scholarship Winner, Ontario Diploma in Horticulture, Turf Option)

ATTENTION!

These two key publications are a must for any sports turf manager:

• Athletic Field Managers’ Guide for Construction & Maintenance, $8.00 for members (mailing & taxes included), $12.00 for potential members

• Constructing the Sports Field, a pamphlet jam packed with info for sand based fields, available at a minimal cost

Contact the STA to order.

WENGS BY DESIGN

When it comes to golf businesses, creativity has no limits. Dogs by Design, for example, is a canine academy that leases border collies, retrievers, and dalmations to chase geese off golf courses. It charges $20 a day or $4,000 for the season.

“We’re the goose busters,” said master trainer Norm Murray from Ballantrae, Ontario. “These birds extrude about half a pound of excrement a day. When you have 50-100 geese flying fairways and golfers walking through it ... it becomes quite an annoyance.”

Golf, as far as Mr. Murray is concerned, is the best thing to happen to dog training in a long, long time.

“It’s changing my life back to normal,” Mr. Murray said. “We’re recovering from a bad case of economics. These golf courses have tried netting, shotgun blasts, horns, etc. But they’re all irritants. The best way to do anything is to prevent it rather than correct it.”

By the end of this year, Mr Murray predicts Dogs by Design will have signed up 80 golf courses, all in Ontario, for his goose patrol.

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