

Trivia Question! (answer below)

STMA and AYSO share the same common humble beginnings. Do you know how?



Soccer Is Here To Stay

AYSO and other soccer groups are sweeping the country and soccer is now very popular in elementary and high schools and colleges throughout the U.S. Both men and women's soccer teams are competing at the high school and college level primarily because it isn't expensive to field a team. A ball and a uniform are the only essential requirements.

The founding fathers of AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) were dedicated to youth soccer and the development of youngsters into caring, contributing

adults. These men were committed to the concept that no youngster should sit on the bench and that player talent should be spread evenly among teams. Therefore, AYSO's philosophy--"Everyone Plays" and "Balanced Teams".

In 1964 AYSO had nine teams. Today, over 300,000 youngsters in 35 states play coast to coast.

Answer: Five men started both organizations and their first offices were in garages in southern California--AYSO in Torrence, CA., and STMA in Ontario, CA.

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The Sports Turf Manager's Association is going to be the driving force behind the improvement and maintenance of the field surfaces throughout the country. STMA's purpose of educating its members is to be commended.

Finally, as a player, manager and broadcaster, one's job requires that he be prepared and thorough--willing to invest quality time.

I would like to leave this one thought with you this evening. "People forget how fast you did a job, but they remember how well you did the job, so take pride in whatever you do!

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