

SPORTS TURF NEWS

Happy 21st Birthday Souter of Stirling



In 1967 the business of Souter of Stirling was founded in Bannockburn, Scotland. John and one helper worked out of an 8'x6' shed with a working capital of \$370. Small contracts such as spraying weeds and repairing goal mouths were the order of the day.

The second office was in an old brewery near the old castle in Stirling, Scotland. Finally, in 1971, the business moved to its present location in an industrial park (Springkerse) in Stirling. The business started to expand when they set up laboratory facilities for soil analysis and site evaluation. The current staff is nearly 30 in number, with three of the staff accumulating almost 60 years of experience among them. The business is one of the leading turf companies in the United Kingdom, with roots and contacts spreading as far as Malta, Spain, Portugal and the United States. Congratulations to John, Christine, Graham, Eddie, Mary and everyone at Souter of Stirling.



Where are they now ?

The 1987 STMA Scholarship Winners

David Arnold is completing his last classes at Cal Poly, Pomona. He spent the summer working with the grounds crew at Anaheim Stadium and this fall is assisting Brian Nofziger with preparation and maintenance of the Los Angeles Rams playing field.

David Mellor completed his studies at Ohio State University and is working as one of the assistants under Harry Gill at Milwaukee County Stadium. David declined a better paying position in Industry to take the job with Harry because he felt the opportunity to learn and gain more experience under the mentorship of Harry Gill far outweighed a higher salary at this point in his career.

Young STMA Members

Our Youngest Member

Pat Sherer is a senior at Stevens High School in Rapid City, South Dakota. Pat is a first baseman on his areas American Legion baseball team (there is no high school baseball in South Dakota). We became acquainted with Pat when he wrote the Chicago Cubs grounds crew about careers in sports turf management. Frank Caparilli and Rodger O'Conner of the Cubs passed the information on to STMA. Recently Pat and his father, Mick, drove out to Cal Poly, Pomona to look over the school and its program in turf management. He met STMA president, Mark Hodnick, spent time with Dr. Kurtz and met with head baseball coach John Scolinos. It appears that Pat may be playing ball and studying turf management in California next year.

Second Youngest Member

Paul Cushing is a freshman at Mt. San Antonio Community College in Walnut, California, where he is studying Ornamental Horticulture-Turf Management. Paul was at our annual meeting in Phoenix two years ago.

Go West Young Man, Go West

Steve Wightman is the new Turf Manager at San Diego's Jack Murphy Stadium. For the past 12 years Steve has been the turf manager at Denver's Mile High Stadium. We wish him the best of luck on his new job.



Wedding Bells in Chicago

Roger Bossard, Head Groundskeeper with the Chicago White Sox, tied the knot recently and is settling down to married bliss and maybe a long, cold Chicago winter.

STMA Director An Aspiring Author



Stephen T. Cockerham, Superintendent of Agricultural Operations for UC Riverside has authored a new publication, Turfgrass Sod Production. Chapters include: 1) Background and History, 2) Administration, 3) Sales, 4) Soil Preparation and Planting, 5) Growing, 6) Sod Harvest, and 7) Distribution.

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New Faces in the Industry



Roxanne Dwyer assumed the position of Executive Director for the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation following the resignation of Russell Schneider.

Robert Reid is the new president of Jacobsen, a division of Textron. Mr. Reid was formerly the vice president of marketing.

Dr. Mark Welterlen has been named the new editor of *Grounds Maintenance* magazine by Intertec Publishing Co. Mark was formerly at the University of Maryland. He replaces Kathy Copely who returned to school to further her education and seek a new career.

Help! Help!

We need your assistance southern California STMA members.

WHEN? February 13 & 14, 1989.

WHY? Our friends from the Institute of Groundsmanship in the United Kingdom are coming to Anaheim for the GCSAA Conference (Feb. 9-12, 1989).

WHAT? IOG members would like to tour local sports turf facilities (Rose Bowl, Santa Anita, Industry Hills, El Prado Park) and have dinner before returning to Anaheim - Monday February 13.

IOG members will present a seminar at Cal Poly, Pomona, on Feb. 11, from 8 a.m. to noon. Presentations include: Parks of Britain, Landscape Gardening, Sports on Grass, the IOG, Horticulture Journalism, and more. Everyone is invited. Lunch and campus tours in the afternoon.

We need drivers, sponsors for coffee breaks and lunch, and assistance in general. Let's show our friends a great time. Please call Kent at 714-869-2176, Mark at 714-869-3049, or Kathy at 714-869-2218.

to last month. There are three essential ingredients in the kicking teams, says Souter — the plan, the talent, the technique. He is a frisky coach who keeps his own special teams play-book.

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And they describe his return-men as the "tricker." For kickoffs it has been judged whether it's the league- leader with an extraordinary 38.5 average. He has run one kickoff back 7 yards for a touchdown, and re- turned two others for 41 and 43 yards.

When an agent applies for certifica- tion, he or she is sent a questionnaire that resembles a job application. It asks about the applicant's personal and professional background, as well as who else may represent. It is a

On a weekly basis, I might see out 10 or 20 applications," she said that other day from Washington. "It has been just unbelievable. We did not an- ticipate such a response, and the list jury

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We Haven't Received Your Dues Yet



"Do Not Squander Time, For Time Is The Stuff Life Is Made Of."

Ben Franklin

Answers to Trivia Questions

1. The first night game in Wrigley Field history was held in Los Angeles, California, April 28, 1961, when the California Angels were tenants. That Wrigley Field has since been torn down.
2. According to Souter of Stirling, if correctly installed by a skilled crew, the most economical method of heating a soccer field with hot water pipes requires 26 miles of pipe.



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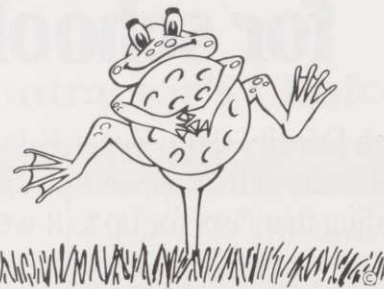
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