

WE GET LETTERS

(The following letter was sent to Bishops Seeds from Pieter Posthuma. We thought you would be interested in the content. We have Pieter's permission to print it. Ed)

Dear Mr. Borden:

As per our last conversation, I would like to express my satisfaction with the use of your Jaguar Tall Fescue. We have now used this for three years on our main stadium, Raymond Field, and also started using it on a second field with lights and heavy traffic.

Over seeding usually takes place in April at a rate of 12 lbs per 1000 sq. ft. Good germination is noted, even in cool temperatures. Also, a light over seeding 5 lbs per 1000 sq. ft. is carried out in the late fall.

The field is used by a football team, a mens' soccer team, and a womens' soccer team. Normally, the use is from late August to mid-October, but since 1987, our womens' soccer team hosted Regional play-offs until mid-November.

In 1989, Acadia University hosted the National Women's Soccer Championship. This was awarded to us on the basis of our facilities and the condition of the field. The two accompanying magazines speak for themselves on how other people and the coaches view our field.

When we first started using Tall Fescue we were somewhat worried as to the durability until late in the fall. This worry proved not unnecessary, as the surface remained excellent.

Mostly, we are impressed with the color of Jaguar Tall Fescue, it sure makes a show piece!

If there is one drawback, we found it in the summer of 1990. It was very hot and humid and in August we had to remove our irrigation; two weeks later browning occurred. In other years we had irrigated from late June until September and did not have this problem. This Tall Fescue likes lots of water.

Fertilizer is applied as to limestone very early in the spring on top of the last snow, at a rate of 50 lbs per 1000 sq. ft. In late May, 9-12-12 is applied at a rate of 12 lbs per 1000 sq. ft. and light application of 5 lbs per 1000 sq. ft. every 30 days until the end of August.

The excellence of our sports teams surely has carried over to my grounds crew, shown in the enthusiasm and care of our sports field.

Yours truly,

Pieter Posthuma
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BLUE SPRINGS PREVIEW CENTRE IN THE OLDE HIDE HOUSE

Good news for golf enthusiasts! Golfers who dream of the warm days of spring and the lush green fairways can get a glimpse of what's to come by dropping in to the Olde Hide House.

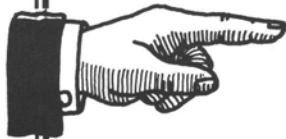
Golfers can view a new video, with Brian Williams of CBC Sports, showing Acton's new Blue Springs Golf Development. The Blue Springs Golf Club, slated for play in the spring of this year, is the new home of the Canadian P.G.A., the site of the 1993 Canadian P.G.A. Championship and the new home of the SCORE National Golf School.

The 6,700 yard championship *Turtle Lake* course has already been described as a "collection of signature holes". The course, with spectacular vistas, undulates up and down the Blue Springs Valley and is complimented by the nine hole, par three *Trillium* course, a practice fairway and practice greens.

The general public will be able to enjoy this semi-private facility which is expected to be fully playable at the start of May.

The *Blue Springs Preview Centre* is open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

More details about Blue Springs can be obtained by phoning (519) 853-0904.



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Dear Mike:

I was pleased to meet you at the Sports Turf Association Third Annual Information Day. Further to our recent discussion at the conference, please find enclosed a copy of the brochure on the Pesticide Safety Training Seminar (March 23 & 24, 1991 at the Springfield Golf & Country Club, Guelph). Mike, I feel this type of seminar could really benefit the members of STA and their employees. With increasing environmental pressure on the use of pesticides, both the safety and training of all employees handling pesticides is a key element in responsible use.

Mike, I would greatly appreciate it if you would kindly add the information on this upcoming opportunity to your next Sports Turf Newsletter. The enclosed brochure should set out sufficient guidelines to the seminar, however, please feel free to contact me if any questions arise.

Yours truly,

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NATURAL TURF IN DOMES

Landscape Management
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Technology for installing and maintaining natural turf athletic fields in domed stadiums and other indoor facilities is now available from the Greenway Group of Horsham, Pa.

Greenway, says Thomas L. Ripley Sr., has a patent pending on the Integrated Turf Management (ITM) System, which can also be used over existing artificial surfaces.

ITM provides the first transportable natural turf-grass system, complete with an all-new greenspec light-weight growing

medium. The system, which Dr. Henry Indyk of Rutgers University helped develop, weighs a fraction of typical growing alternatives. ITM systems also can be interchanged to meet the demand of the sports activity.

For more information, contact Greenway at (215)343-0110.



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