

## AN INTERVIEW

# QUESTIONS FOR PETER FISCHBACHER

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### How many sports fields are you responsible for?

My team and I are responsible for the Gründenmoos sports facility. In terms of area, it is the largest facility in the city of St.Gallen.

The facility includes 9 grass fields, 2 artificial turf fields, 3 hard courts (volleyball, basketball etc.), 2 mini fields and a 100m running track.

In addition, each spring and summer after regeneration, we do the initial marking of the other sports fields in the city.

### What sports are practiced in Gründenmoos?

A large part consists of football. The first team of FC St.Gallen trains on the Gründenmoos as well as the women's and junior divisions of the Future Champs Ostschweiz.

Besides that, other sports such as rugby, American football and cricket are played.

There are also tournaments and special events for clubs with the need of marking. We have also hosted some unusual events like the Dog Frisbee Final or the European Boomerang Championship.

The well-known CSIO show jumping tournament is held annually at our facility. This results in a great variety of markings requirements.

For all these events we can easily and quickly set up and save individual markings. This way they are available at any point in time.

### How many people are responsible for marking at your company?

Our team consists of 3 people, one person works full time, the other two on a part-time basis. This allows us to respond well to the seasonal increase in workload.

As only one person is needed to operate the SWOZI system, we are now very flexible to distribute the workload. Each team member can use the SWOZI and carry out the work independently.

### What is your view on the costs?

The decision to purchase a SWOZI line marker was made by my predecessor. But the advantages convinced me, and I would also support the purchase of a SWOZI.

**Peter Fischbacher**  
The Gründenmoos sports facility in St.Gallen (CH) is not only used for soccer.

**"We save about \$5,000 of paint per year with SWOZI. And only one person needs to be scheduled for marking."**

**"For us, the acquisition of this device is a real win!"**

In the past we had to re-mark the fields twice per week to ensure we do not lose the existing marking. This required typically two people. With the SWOZI, it is sufficient to mark the fields once if required by a single person.

Overall, this saves us about \$ 5'000.- paint per year and the second staff member can carry out other activities during this time. The initial marking of the other sports fields in our city makes the work of the local groundsmen much easier and saves time there as well.

Thus, initial costs can be amortized in about 2-3 years.



Since the templates for a wide variety of sports are available on the SWOZI app, we can quickly draw even more complicated marking very accurately without much additional effort.

I think for sports facilities with several fields and different application areas, a purchase pays off fairly quickly.

**How was the switch to the GPS-controlled version of SWOZI made?**

The method with strings and ribbons is time-consuming and tedious. In addition, it requires two people. With the GPS variant, one person can now do this all by himself. This makes our work scheduling much easier and we are more flexible as a result.

We received a comprehensive induction and detailed training from a SWOZI employee.

The initial marking was carried out together on site, where we could address site specific requirements. I received many good tips. After that, I was able to measure the remaining fields myself. The app on the tablet guides you through the individual steps and makes measuring and marking quick and easy.

**Did you need special training for that?**

No, anyone who can operate a mobile phone and uses a computer can use the SWOZI app easily and intuitively. Of course, it needs a bit of practice. Like everywhere when something is new: learning by doing.

SWOZI's customer care is exceptional and the competent telephone support means that even time-critical issues can be solved quickly and straightforward.

**What is your conclusion?**

We have been using the SWOZI Cart Pro Push since 2019. For us, the acquisition of the equipment is a real win!

In addition to common sports, we can now set up, save and re-use difficult markings for special events. This makes our work way easier and our facility attractive even for the most diverse events.

**Thank you very much Mr. Fischbacher for agreeing to give us this interview.**