Ontario Turfgrass Symposium

My biennial trip to the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium this year was another fruitful exercise. This I should hasten to say was no different than expected. It is great for those of us who are counted upon to produce “Chicago Bear” type turf on fields that differ only from the surrounding turf in that they were crowned at one time. The very professional, up-to-date, well presented papers were of interest to us all.

I just wish that (a) the Symposium would continue to print the program talks, and (b) that I didn’t live so far away.

On March 23-25, 1997 we in Saskatchewan hosted a “Prairie Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show”. This well attended function included papers on “Managing your Potential” by Chuck Evans, PhD, a corporate industrial psychiatrist, and “Managing the Turfgrass Rootzone Profile” by Al Turgeon of Penn State. Both were excellent presentations. Another talk enjoyed by all was by a former Saskatchewanian, Dr. Bob Sheard, on “Sports Field Renovation and Construction”. It is too bad that Bob did not have more time. And finally, Drew Smith presented a paper on “Snow Mold”.

Because of the distances on the prairies it is difficult to put together a function like this on a regular basis. As a result some of us who are a little more fortunate get to ‘do’ the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium from time to time.

Finally I must congratulate Mike Bladon on his retirement.

Greetings from University of Saskatchewan.

—Ken Turner

Scholarship Thanks

Please accept my gratitude in presenting me with the Sports Turf Association Scholarship on January 7th at the Regal Constellation Hotel.

It was a pleasure to enjoy such a good company and meet members from the Association. I look forward to having future contact with the Association.

Thank you again for the award, the cheque for $200.00, the annual membership, the newsletter, and the dinner.

—Stuart Roberts

ON THE COMPUTER

A few words about spell checkers...

SPELLBOUND
I Have a spelling checker,
It came with my PC.
It plainly marks for my review
Mistakes I cannot see.
I’ve run this poem through it,
I’m sure you please too no,
Its letter perfect in its weigh,
My checker tolled me sew.

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