Spell Checking

A nyone who types on a computer and relies on the spell checker to find his/her spelling errors is doomed to find some of those errors in print. I forever have to watch for field versus filed, for versus fro, there versus their, etc. The misspelt words are glaringly obvious after the printer has delivered the document to you for distribution.

Of course the spell checker doesn’t watch for the wrong word, which is spelled correctly, but is totally out of context. An example is the word responsible. A slip of the fingers and it could read respond able; the spell checker would accept both. Yet the same two words could be joined together to spell responsibility and again the red underline would not appear or the spell checker would not stop its search.

The spell checker would accept without question the following statement, “If one is able, one may provide the correct response, and in so doing carry out his/her responsibilities.”

Every sports turf manager has responsibilities which require him/her to provide the correct response to a problem. It is only when he/her is able to do so that the responsibility can be fulfilled.

To be able depends on training, education, and workplace skills. These attributes are only gained through an ongoing process, enhanced by attending as many educational and training programs as possible. The summer field days provided by the Sports Turf Association are an example. If you are able to attend then you may have a better response to your responsibilities as a sports turf manager.

— Dr. R. Sheard

Meet New Board Member Gord Dol

G ord Dol is the founder of Dol Turf Restoration Ltd., a company that specializes in nearly all aspects of sports field and golf course restoration, drainage, and irrigation. The company employs 15 people in season and performs various tasks on approximately 200 sites per year. 1998 marks the company’s five year anniversary. Gord is also an active member of the Sports Turf Association, Ontario Parks Association, Canadian Irrigation Association, Ontario Golf Course Superintendents Association, and the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association.

Congratulations

✔ To student member Jamie Smith who recently graduated from the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticultural. Jamie plans a career in sports turf management.

✔ To Mr Perry Davie, City of London, the recipient of the Sports Turf Association Scholarship for the February 1998 Turf Managers’ Short Course. Perry is currently responsible for managing sports turf. He will be presented with the award at the August Field Day.

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