

Coming Events

Mark your Calendar!

July 11, 12 or 13

3rd Annual Solving Turf Problems
University of Guelph, Guelph, ON
Information: Call Marilyn Dykstra at
519-767-6258 or Pam Charbonneau at
519-824-4120 ext. 2597

July 18-21

*Turfgrass Producers International
Summer Convention & Field Days*
Spokane, WA
Information: 847-705-9898

July 20

Western Canada Turfgrass Association
*Annual Field Day & 5th Annual Research
Golf Tournament*, Surrey, BC
Information: 604-467-2564

August 15

Cornell University Field Day
Ithaca, NY, Information: 607-255-1792

August 16

Sports Turf Association
13th Annual Field Day
Guelph, ON
Information: 519-763-9431

August 22

Guelph Turfgrass Institute
*Research Field Day & Summer Turf
Workshops*, Guelph, ON
Information: 519-767-5009

September 18

Canadian Golf Superintendents
Association *34th Annual Fall Field Day*
Winnipeg, MB
Information: 1-800-387-1056

September 26-27

Landscape Ontario *Garden Expo*
Toronto, ON, Information: 905-875-1805

September 27-30

Communities in Bloom
*National Symposium on Parks &
Grounds*, Edmonton, AB
Information: 514-694-8871

November 12-15

National Institute on Park and Grounds
Management *30th Annual Educational
Conference*, Orlando, FL
Information: 920-733-1201

City of Cambridge Strikes Key Deal

HOW ARE YOU COMBATTING SOCCER FIELD SHORTAGES?

Relief may be in sight for Cambridge youths wanting to play soccer.

A deal between the City of Cambridge and three ethnic clubs with soccer fields will allow local youths to play on professional-size fields in what is becoming a burgeoning sport in the city.

From May to August, the soccer fields at the Portuguese Oriental Sports club on Shellard Road in North Dumfries Township, the Portuguese Club of Cambridge on Townline Road, and Aurora Lodge 26, Sons of Italy Mutual Society, also on Townline Road, will be available two nights a week.

The five-year lease between the city and the clubs, which was approved by a city committee in early April, will allow teams to use the fields Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. The clubs will not charge rental fees, but the city will help with maintenance and added insurance costs.

For Susan Silva, administrator of Cambridge Youth Soccer, the partnership means more youngsters will be playing soccer on better fields.

Currently, students registered with Cambridge Youth Soccer play on two city-owned fields at the Kinsmen Com-

plex and various smaller fields at Riverside Park and area schools.

"We are really, really grateful," she said. "It allows us to grow."

Silva said the number of youths registered for this summer has risen by 500 from last year, bringing the total to 3,500. About 100 youths are on waiting lists.

Silva said more fields may lead the soccer organization to consider taking on more youths.

John Hannah, director of parks and outside services for the city, said soccer is growing immensely, and the more fields the better.

However, the measure is a "short-term fix." A long-term solution would be to build more soccer fields, he said.

Rick Martins, president of the Portuguese Oriental Sports Club, approached the city and Cambridge Youth Soccer with the idea.

"It's all in the name of soccer, to help it grow," he said.

Martins said he hopes the move will lead to more partnerships between the club and the city. ♦

— Liz Montelro, KW Record, April 5, 2000



November 14-16

New York State Turfgrass Association
Turf and Grounds Exposition
Syracuse, NY
Information: 518-783-1229

November 14-16

*4th Decennial National Irrigation
Symposium*, Phoenix, AZ
Information: 616-428-6327

November 15-16

*Prairie East Horticultural Trade Show
and Conference*, Winnipeg, MB
Information: 204-947-9766 x 205

January 3-5, 2001

Ontario Turfgrass Symposium
Toronto, ON, Information:
519-767-5000

January 9-11, 2001

Landscape Ontario *Congress 2001*
Toronto, ON
Information: 905-875-1805

January 17-21, 2001

Sports Turf Managers Association
12th Annual Conference and Exhibition
Tampa, FL, Information: 712-366-2669

February 5-March 3, 2001

University of Guelph
Turf Managers' Short Course
Information: 519-767-5000

February 24-27, 2001

Canadian Golf Superintendents
Association/Western Canada Turfgrass
Association *52nd Canadian International
Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show*
Vancouver, BC
Information: 1-800-387-1056 ♦