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SPORTS TURF

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hear about the problems the lack of rain is causing in agriculture in southern Ontario, but Sports Turf is affected as well. Kitchener and Cambridge have both closed their soccer fields and as of this writing are considering extending the ban to baseball. This is a serious situation not only because of the number of people who use the facilities are affected, but also the stress on the grass plant from the drought. The roots of the grass plant tend to shrink with the high soil and air temperatures. Use of the field by groups or mowing dangers the crowns. Annual Bluegrass will not appear until seed germination in September. Kentucky Bluegrass rhizoma are also very sensitive to drought. Nobody really knows what to expect because this is a record year for lack of rainfall.

On a more positive note your Board will be having an all day "think tank" strategy session in August to see how we are doing and discuss our future plans.

Since our article in Civic Public Works Magazine we have picked up several interested people from the Western and Maritime provinces

so not only are we becoming better known, our membership is swelling.

South of the border exciting news is that Sports Turf Managers Association now has joined with Sports Turf Magazine as the official publication for their Association. So things are moving in the Sports Field Area.

Lastly, my thanks to all those Board Members who organized and helped to make the June 16 Field Day such a success. I had many very nice comments on the way it was arranged and the quality of speakers.

Yours for better, safer Sports Turf,

Michael J. Bladon (President)

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WELCOME! To Our New Members

- Ted Hartwell**
Hartwell Irrigation Specialists
- Rexdale**
- Ron Barnes**
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The Board of Education for
The City of London
- City of Etobicoke**
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Ridley College
- Andrew McFall**
Lakehead University
- St. John's Municipal Council**
City of St. John's
- The Corporation of the City of Hamilton**
Parks Division
- Peter Taylor**
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Ottawa Board of Education
- Rusty Warkman**
Supervisor Athletics Fields
and Turf
City of Toronto
- Ken McNally**
The Corporation of the Town
of Newmarket
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Town of Markham
- City of Kitchener**
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