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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1988 saw increased capital budgets in certain municipalities where communities constructed new sports field complexes due to population increases. Shrinking budgets in other areas allowed at least a big improvement in the existing facilities, as managers gained more experience and expertise in the maintenance of same. The videotapes are progressing favourably as is the booklet that Pat Tucker, along with other experts is developing for us.

We have been invited by the C.G.S.A. to participate with them in their Annual Conference on December 8, 1989.

Your board made some interesting contacts in 1988, first with the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects. We sent them an article about the Sports Turf Association for their newsletter. They in turn sent out information to our industry members on Technospec. It is a binder of technical information about the products each supplies. These are then sectioned off into different categories.

Another contact made was with The Canadian Sports Spine and Head Injuries Centre at the Toronto Western Hospital. There we talked to Virginia Edmonds, R.N. who was unaware of the S.T.A. Information was exchanged, plus we obtained the name of Dr. Robert Pelletier at the University of Ottawa. He runs C.A.I.R.S. — the Canadian Athletic Injury Reporting Service. He receives charts on a weekly basis from coaches and trainers at the high school and university level on all injuries sustained that week. This program is the equivalent of N.A.I.R.S. which originated at Penn. State University.

Lastly, in future issues of the newsletter we will be reporting on the first Symposium on the Characteristics and Safety of Playing Surfaces (Artificial and Natural) for Field Sports. It was held in Phoenix, Arizona last December. The idea came from A.S.T.M. — The American Society for Testing Materials and profes-

sional sports, the N.C.A.A. and the N.F.L. to determine standards for both types of media to try to cut down on the number of injuries and to arrive at a set of standards for the industry.

Peter Kleschnitzki and Annette Anderson have some interesting speakers organized for the June 15 Field Day. Among them, Dr. Paul Rieke from Michigan State University. The Field Day will be held at the River Oaks Community Centre in Oakville. The City of Kitchener has agreed to host the event in 1990 and will assist in the planning this year.

Bruce Calhoun will be attendance at the Sports Turf Managers Association Conference in Florida in January and will report back on talks and events held there.

Other Board members — Ron Dubyk, Geoff Corlett, and Mike Bladon have been invited to speak at a Department of National Defense Symposium January 25, 1989. Topics discussed will be Drainage, Renovation, aeration or Cultivation, Compaction and general field maintenance. Then again in March other talks at the O.P.A. Conference.

As you can see your Board had a busy 1988 and 1989 looks even busier. My thanks and appreciation to all Board members for their time, effort, and travel and travel last year. I am very grateful for their support, on behalf of the S.T.A. We feel we have made big strides in this, our first full year of operation. Special thanks to Annette Anderson for her continued support and advice throughout the year.

Lastly, thanks to the C.G.S.A. and particularly Bob Brewster for their help and ongoing interest in our association. It is much appreciated!

My wish for all of you is that all your Sports Turf is better, and safer in 1989.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bladon

WELCOME! To Our New Members

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Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

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of Ottawa
Ottawa, Ontario

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The City of Fort McMurray
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Orillia, Ontario

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Corporation of the Town of
Leamington
Leamington, Ontario

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The Muskoka Board of
Education
Bracebridge, Ontario

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