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## NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well — another dry summer has passed, and for many of us it was a real struggle to keep grass actively growing. For those of you who have both adequate water supplies and irrigation systems, count your blessings.

At the University of Guelph, the grounds department in conjunction with the Physical Education Department and the Guelph Turfgrass Institute are experimenting!

Two fields were renovated and hydroseeded on May 15, 1989; half of each field was seeded to tall fescue variety-Carefree and the other half to perennial ryegrass variety-Prestige.

Both have shown good summer colour. The tall fescue, though longer to establish, does well in a variety of soils, has good drought tolerance and low fertility requirements. Both will stand a reasonable amount of traffic. One field was open for play the week of August 15, and the other should be ready for September. The tall fescues

may well be the grasses of the future, particularly for those of us who do not have irrigation. We will keep you posted on results in future issues of this newsletter.

As you construct, renovate and maintain those fields, remember the words of creativity consultant Roger von Bach: "The real key to being creative lies in what you do with your knowledge". Creative thinking requires an attitude or outlook which allows you to reach for ideas and manipulate your knowledge and experience.

Lastly, to quote from a Royal Bank Newsletter: "By making creativity a way of life at work, at home and at play, we can not only fulfill ourselves personally, but contribute to the building of a better world." (Better and safer sports turf).

Good luck with your endeavours.

**Michael J. Bladon**

### WELCOME! To Our New Members

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