

EDITORIAL

1991 has been a good year for the Sports Turf Association, largely due to our hiring an executive secretary, Dr. Bob Sheard, who has put us on the right track administratively. He's had a busy year.

Membership has increased in 1991, so we hope that means we're getting information out to more people to help them do a better job. Because we now have all our memberships listed, labels are easy to print for newsletters and other mailings.

Bob did a great job of editing and printing our *Athletic Field Managers Guide* — not an easy task with so many different authors. Sales of the booklets are going well.

He has also finished editing three videotapes that we think will be useful for in-service training sessions. The board is working on marketing these tapes, which should be available in the new year.

Bound copies of our bylaws have been sent to all members.

Our Field Day was not as well attended as in other years. This was disappointing because we thought \$25 for a day's education was phenomenal for a recession year. Remember, if you hear any speakers you think would benefit fellow STA members, please let us know. And if you'd like to host a Field Day at your facilities, let us know that, too.

I see Ken Warner has stepped down as executive secretary of WCTA and that Bob Wick took over as of Nov. 16.

I would like to thank all of you who contributed articles or wrote in with questions. Keep them coming in 1992. Best wishes for a blessed Christmas and meaningful New Year.

Michael Bladon

Did you know?

We've made many contacts with the turf industry over the past year, and our office receives a lot of information each month.

We send information and newsletters to the Turfgrass Information File at Michigan State University, we have contacts with the Prairie Turfgrass Research Centre at Olds, Alberta, and our newsletter goes out to many community colleges involved in turfgrass studies. We've also had articles in the *Ontario Lawn Bowler* and publications of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects, the Ontario Amateur Football Association and the Western Canadian Turfgrass Association.



Our members include landscape architects, school boards, private schools, universities, community colleges, parks departments, lawn bowling clubs and horticultural services related to sports fields. They also represent all facets of the turf industry from seed suppliers and irrigation specialists to sod growers. Subscribe to the *Sports Turf Newsletter* for \$20 a year and get four issues of the newsletter.

Coming events:

1992:

January 7-9

First Annual Ontario Turfgrass Symposium, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario.

Contact Mira Soni at
519-824-4120, Ext. 3814.

February 23-26

Western Canadian Turfgrass Conference at Victoria/Empress Conference Centre, Victoria, B.C.
Contact Bob Wick at 604-467-2564

March 1-3

Prairie Turfgrass Conference, Manitoba.

Contact Stephen Olthof at
204-284-3282.

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