

SPORTS TURF

Newsletter



...for better, safer Sports Turf

President's Message

It is a sincere honour and pleasure to address my first communication to the Association as President. I can assure all members it is a position and responsibility which I will serve to the best of my ability. I will strive to uphold and maintain the highly professional standards and ethics that have been demonstrated by my predecessors in the position. I would like to take this opportunity to formally recognize and thank Peter Kleschnitzki for his efforts and dedication to the Association as President for the past two(2) years. For those unable to attend our Annual Meeting at the Guelph Turfgrass Symposium in January, I presented Peter with a plaque of appreciation for his contributions to the Association.

I am inheriting the leadership of an association which I feel is one of the more progressive in the industry and our focus of better, safer sports turf continues to provide a valuable niche in the industry. Our newsletter remains one of the best in the turf industry, our field days offer a wealth of practical hands-on educational information; the turfgrass symposium, and especially our sports turf sessions, continue to offer some of the best lecturers and educators in the world on sports field maintenance and turfgrass science. The Association has recently taken full time residence at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute so we may continue to be at the forefront of turfgrass research and

information for our members.

However, leading an association is a large challenge which I cannot accomplish alone. I, like most of our directors and members, have a full time job and family responsibilities. It takes a group effort and one of my governing principles over the next couple of years will be team work and facilitative management. We need our Directors to attend meetings, take initiatives and participate on sub-committees. We need our members to support our field days, symposiums, and contribute articles for the *Newsletter*. The Sports Turf Association is an important entity in the turf industry. We can make it better by supporting each other and committing to the mission of our Association.

Finally, as President I feel it incumbent upon me to conclude this first correspondence by stating that I am **YOUR** President. If at any time you feel the Association is not serving your needs as a member and if you have ideas on how the Association and its activities can be improved, please feel free to contact me or our Executive Secretary. An open dialogue is always beneficial and constructive whether positive or negative in nature. I wish all members much good health and success for 1994.

Yours for better, safer sports turf,

Christopher Mark,
President

YES! WE MOVED

After 12 months of protracted negotiations regarding a service contract with the Univ. of Guelph and the Guelph Turfgrass Institute we finally moved into our office in the Centre on January 10th 1994. Your Executive Secretary appreciates the spacious and sunny office with a view of Guelph which is second to none. Drop in for a visit if you are in the area.

The arrangement is to have the office staffed from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and whatever other times necessary to conduct the business of the Association. Please leave a message on the voice mail system if there is no answer when you call. We will respond as soon as possible. The telephone number remains the same - (519) 763-9431. We now have FAX service and our number is (519) 766-1704.



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