

The President's Message

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Manager arrives, we will be ready to announce the new Executive Secretary with an introduction at the AGM this coming January.

Speaking of new, I wish to congratulate our Newsletter Editors, Mike Bladon and Harold Van Gool, and our publisher, New Paradigm Communications, on the improvement to the design and layout of the *Sports Turf Manager*. Since its inception, our Sports Turf newsletter has always been a first rate publication. However, since we are launching into our second decade of service to our members and the turf industry, it was decided the newsletter could use a makeover in terms of appearance, style and presentation. We would be most interested in any comments on the new look. Please do not hesitate to give us a call at the STA, or drop us a line at the GTI office.

Finally, I extend sincere appreciation to everyone who have renewed their membership for another year. I understand we are ahead of last year's pace which is fantastic. Thank you once again for renewing your commitment and sharing our vision in promoting the benefits of proper athletic field maintenance and construction for the enhancement of sports fields, and most importantly, the improved safety for all athletes, both young and old.


Have a great fall season.

Wishing you better, safer Sports Turf.

—Christopher Mark

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Did You Know?

In the spirit of our 10th Anniversary we will be sharing with our members some highlights of the Association's history.

- ✓ In 1988, two Honourary Life Memberships were awarded to James Boyce of Agro-Consulting and Norman Rothwell, President of Rothwell Seeds. Both individuals have made significant contributions to the turfgrass industry.
- ✓ Our first Field Day with a Sports Turf flavour was held at Alumni Stadium at the University of Guelph in June of 1988. Organized by Pat Tucker and Mike Bladon, it was here that the Sports Turf Association was officially launched. Until then, few people in the industry had heard of it. Subsequent field days were held in Etobicoke, Markham, Oakville, the University of Western Ontario, London, Kitchener, the GTI, and Hamilton.
- ✓ In 1990 we hired our first Executive Secretary as the administrative work was increasing. Dr. Bob Sheard came on staff and proceeded to get our Association business in order. He also helped to edit and produce several videotapes related to sports turf, and set up a marketing program.
- ✓ In 1989 it was decided that we needed a guide for Canadian turf conditions. Coordinated by Pat Tucker, then Head of Grounds at the University of Guelph, experts were gathered to write the separate parts of the book. Pat later resigned after tiring of cajoling people into meeting deadlines, etc. In 1991, *An Athletic Field Managers Guide* was published, and art work and printing/marketing were completed by our Executive Secretary. In this same year we held our annual conference at the University of Guelph.

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