

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Garry Durnan, Town of Lindsay  
 • Mark Castle, City of Mississauga • J. Robert Dippel, Speare Seeds • Gerry Cole, City of Corner Brook, Newfoundland • Chris Bradley, Town of Ajax • Harald Zorn, City of Toronto, Etobicoke Region



### ATTENTION!

**These two key publications are a must for any sports turf manager:**

- Athletic Field Managers' Guide for Construction & Maintenance, \$8.00 for members (mailing & taxes included), \$12.00 for potential members
- Constructing the Sports Field, a pamphlet jam packed with info for sand based fields, available at a minimal cost

**Contact the STA to order.**



Seasons Greetings from the staff and board of the STA.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

## COMING EVENTS

**University of Guelph Turf Managers Short Course**  
 Session 1: Nov. 16-Dec. 11, 1998  
 Session 2: February 1-26, 1999  
 Contact U of G, Office of Open Learning (519) 767-5000, fax (519) 767-1114  
 email: info@open.uoguelph.ca

**Turfecs 1999 Seminar Series**  
 MOE Landscape Category Licence Preparation Courses  
 January 16 & 17, Guelph, ON  
 February 20 & 21, Guelph, ON  
 March 6 & 7, London, ON  
 March 11 & 12, Toronto, ON  
 March 17 & 18, Kingston, ON  
 March 20 & 21, Guelph, ON  
 March 25 & 26, Orillia, ON  
 April 22 & 23, Guelph, ON  
 Turf & Pest Identification Clinics  
 April 1, Toronto, ON  
 April 15, Guelph, ON

Register Early. Limited Enrollment!  
 Contact TURFECS toll-free at 1-888-TURFECS or (519) 767-1611

**Cornell's Sports Turf Short Course**  
 January 4-8  
 Cornell Campus, Ithaca, New York  
 Contact Joann Gruttadaurio  
 Cornell Turfgrass Education Director  
 (607) 255-1792  
 email: jg17@cornell.edu

**Ontario Turfgrass Symposium**  
 January 5-7  
 Regal Constellation Hotel, Toronto, Ontario  
 Contact U of G, Office of Open Learning (519) 767-5000, fax (519) 767-1114  
 website: www.open.uoguelph.ca/OTS

**Congress "99"**  
 Sponsored by Landscape Ontario  
 January 12-14  
 Toronto Congress Centre, Toronto, Ontario  
 Contact Paul Day or Diana-Lynn Hughes (905) 875-1805, fax (905) 875-3942  
 email: lo@hort-trades.com  
 website: www.hort-trades.com

**Sports Turf Managers Association 10th Annual Conference & Exhibition**  
 January 13-17  
 Mesa, Arizona  
 Contact (712) 366-2669 or 1-800-323-3875

**University of Guelph Turfgrass Water Workshop**  
 January 25-26  
 Contact U of G, Office of Open Learning (519) 767-5000, fax (519) 767-1114

**Canada Blooms A Gardener's Getaway**  
 March 10-14  
 Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Ontario  
 Contact (416) 593-0223, 1-800-730-1020

## SAFETY OF SOCCER QUESTIONED

SOCCER may cause brain damage—even more brain damage than contact U.S. football, Finnish researchers say.

Eleven out of 15 amateur soccer players showed potential signs of brain damage, compared to seven out of 17 U.S. football players, a team from the University of Helsinki found. They said the helmets worn by U.S. football players could be protecting them.

The researchers used magnetic resonance imaging to look inside the brains

of 15 soccer players, 17 football players, and 20 non-athletes of similar age and background.

Lesions were found in most of the soccer players, although they were small. Only five out of the 20 non-athletes had them.

Soccer players always run the risk of clashing heads, and are required to head the ball, often when it is travelling very fast.

— Reuter, *The Record*, May 2, 1997

