

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tom Hickey, District of Powell River, BC • **Duncan Graham**, Dundas, ON
(Scholarship Winner, Ontario Diploma in Horticulture, Turf Option)



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.

DOGS BY DESIGN



When it comes to golf businesses, creativity has no limits. Dogs by Design, for example, is a canine academy that leases border collies, retrievers, and dalmations to chase geese off golf courses. It charges \$20 a day or \$4,000 for the season.

"We're the goose busters," said master trainer Norm Murray from Ballantrae, Ontario. "These birds extrude about half a pound of excrement a day. When you have 50-100 geese flying fairways and golfers walking through it ... it becomes quite an annoyance."

Golf, as far as Mr. Murray is concerned, is the best thing to happen to dog training in a long, long time.

"It's changing my life back to normal," Mr. Murray said. "We're recovering from a bad case of economics. These golf courses have tried netting, shotgun blasts, horns, etc. But they're all irritants. The best way to do anything is to prevent it rather than correct it."

By the end of this year, Mr Murray predicts Dogs by Design will have signed up 80 golf courses, all in Ontario, for his goose patrol. ♦

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COMING EVENTS

Ontario Parks Association
AGM & Awards Banquet
September 16-17
Toronto, Ontario

Crop Protection Institute
46th Conference & Annual Meeting
September 20-23
Delta Meadowvale, Mississauga, Ontario
Contact (416) 622-9771, fax (416) 622-6764

1st National Parks & Open Space Symposium
September 24-25
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Communities in Bloom
National Award Ceremonies
September 26-27
Winnipeg, Manitoba

National Institute on Park & Grounds Management
28th Annual Educational Conference
October 25-28
Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada
Contact National Institute
(920) 733-2301

The Composting Council of Canada
8th Annual Conference, Exhibits,
and General Meeting
"Return to Your Roots... Compost"
November 4-6
Delta Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario
Contact Susan Antler (416) 535-0240
email ccc@compost.org

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

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Canada's International Horticultural Trade Show & Conference
Sponsored by Landscape Ontario
January 12-14, 1999
Toronto Congress Centre, Toronto, Ontario
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