



The President's Desk

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It is amazing how we can go from winter weather to July temperatures in a week. In other words, we switched from winter control operations to turf maintenance overnight. It was the reverse in the fall. How many of you were caught in the middle of field renovations by that first snow fall? It has been quite a year for the dreaded snow molds. Fortunately, here in Oakville it has been more grey than pink, so with a fertilizer application and a few cuts, the damage is minimal. After listening to golf course staff talk about their mold concerns when the covers are lifted, I was quite relieved to find there was no increase in mould under our own tarps.

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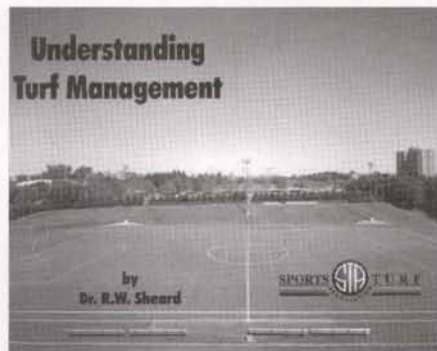
Keynote speaker at this year's Annual Field Day will be ex-Hamilton Ti-Cat Henry Waszczuk, host of television's *Fins and Skins*.

In March I attended the Atlantic Turfgrass Conference in Halifax. It was a great show with an excellent educational program. This year they added a one day sports field session which by all accounts was very well received. Thanks go out to

Hugh Yorke, chairperson, for organizing the day and inviting the Sports Turf Association to be a part of it. It would be tough to beat Halifax's hospitality. If the opportunity ever arises, I would highly recommend attending this three day event.

Pam Charbonneau, Gord Dol, Dwayne McAllister and I participated in the second joint educational workshop with the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association in Clarington, which also was held in March. With close to 50 in attendance, the day was very interactive and informative. There are a large number of people who work the winter months in arenas then come out to maintain sports fields in the spring.

Our Annual Field Day promises to be exciting! This year the event will be held on August 15 at the Waterloo Recreation Complex and RIM Millennium Park. Keynote speaker will be Henry Waszczuk, ex-Hamilton Ti-Cat and host of television's *Fins and Skins*. The day also includes speaker sessions on the latest seed choices, fertilizing, irrigation and topdressing materials and techniques plus a session on worker orientation. The day books up quickly, so do not delay in registering. A registration brochure is included with this issue of *Sports Turf Manager*.



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Good luck with the summer ahead. Remember, if there is any information or advice the STA can provide, please contact us. See you at the Field Day in August! ♦

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