



The President's Desk

JANE ARNETT-RIVERS

I wish all our members the best the new year has to offer and hope March finds you all well. After what seemed like an extreme December, January certainly cooled its heels, at least in the snow department. Hopefully you were not caught by the early arrival of winter and were able to complete your fall clean ups and other "winter ready" details on your turf.

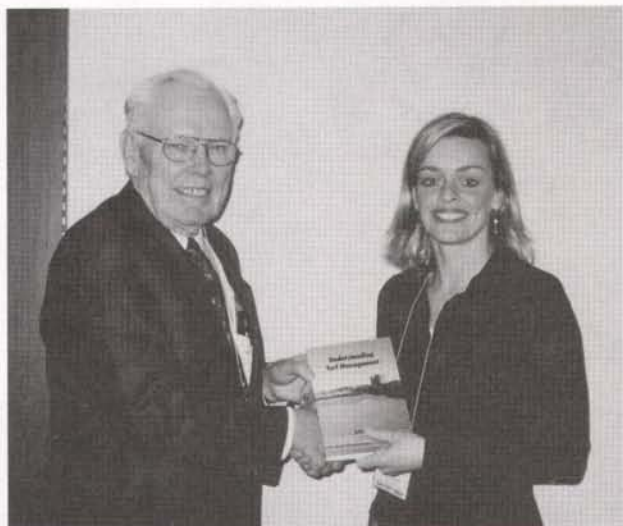
OTS 2001 was, as in years past, an information success. Michael Bladon, our editor, attended all sessions and will report in this issue of *Sports Turf Manager*. One of my favourites was the weather session. It is amazing how soon we forget past weather extremes. Thank you to Ursula Rodrigues and congratulations on your retirement, we wish you all the best. Good luck to Peggy Nagle as she continues at the helm.

Congratulations to the Jeopardy winners of 2001, the Southwestern Ontario Team of Mark Hagen, Kubota Canada Ltd., Jeff Cunningham, City of Mississauga and Ross Tucker, City of St. Thomas. The questions flew fast and furious with lots of laughs emanating from the audience. Thank you Michael Bladon for hosting and Andrew Gaydon for providing the light system.

Hot off the presses, Bob Sheard's book, *Understanding Turf Management* is now available (see the order form below). Thank you Bob for your dedication, and once again to the sponsors for enabling us to offer this text at an unbelievably low price.

Please take the time to read the Minutes of the Annual Meeting included with this issue. You will be impressed with the amount achieved by the Sports Turf Association last year. Included in these accomplishments is the new strategic plan, *A New Millennium - Toward 2003*. This document will be printed in the 2001 *Membership Roster*.

March will be a busy month for the Association. On March 6th, Pam Charbonneau, Gord Dol and myself will be participating in a joint ORFA/STA workshop in Sudbury and on the 28th in Clarington. Also in March, I will be participating in the Atlantic Turfgrass Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 21st. For information on any of these



events, please contact Lee Huether at the STA office, telephone (519) 763-9431, email sta@gti.uoguelph.ca.

When you read this, hopefully spring will be on the horizon and your thoughts will be on turf! ♦

President Jane Arnett-Rivers presents Dr. Bob Sheard, STA Director and author of *Understanding Turf Management*, with the first copy of his book (at the STA Annual General Meeting, January). Please see order form below for purchase details or contact Lee Huether at the STA office.

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