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Hello to our members.

Wow! Was that a summer! This year seemed to be even hotter than last year and who thought that was possible. The weather gurus say that

it was the hottest summer since records were kept and it sure felt like it.

We lost more days to the dreaded smog this year than any other and that trend might continue. Our equipment must become more multi-tasking than strictly being grass cutters, as pretty soon there might not be a lot of it growing in the summer months.

September Field Day

The 15th Annual Field Day was a resounding success! A great big thank you to all who attended this year's event in Oakville. Without membership/supplier support, events like these would be a thing of the past.

Special thanks to all the sponsors and exhibitors who carried the bulk of the costs for the day. It is with your participation that we can bring in quality speakers to make the day a success. You also allow us to keep the costs extremely low so that it is affordable to all.

I would like to single out several companies in particular for their outstanding sponsorship contributions:

- Ron Craig and Jamie Worden of Turf Care Products of Canada
- Brian Rosenberg of Nu-Gro Corporation
- Andrew Gaydon of Vanden Bussche Irrigation in association with Hunter Industries and Rain Bird International
- Paul Gillen and Matt Lindner and their respective companies AerWay and DiamondPro

To all our other great sponsors, thank you again and we look forward to your participation in 2003. Without you this day simply wouldn't happen.

New Website Coming

At the time of writing this message, our new web site is not functional; however, we would like you to bookmark the new address for the Association, www.sportsturfassociation.com. We are currently seeking ideas on topics that you, our members, would like to have available. If you have suggestions, we welcome them. We are accepting sponsorship proposals from industry suppliers to help our Association with on-going costs of the site.

Get Involved! Directors Needed

The Nominating Committee is searching for nominees for the position of director for the 2003/2004 term. There will be several positions available as some of our long-term directors are moving on to enjoy other ventures and hobbies. We are looking for new faces to guide our Association in these changing times. I realize that time is a problem for most people; however, we try to arrange our meetings at times of the year that are convenient and keep them punctual so we can all make the kids' soccer games! If you are interested, please call myself or another board member. It is a great opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow friends and gather some helpful knowledge which can be carried forward in our daily lives.

Still Room to Register

There is a joint ORFA/STA educational workshop October 23rd in Halton Hills (see page 21 for more information). Please contact the STA office for more details.

I hope you had a great summer and enjoy what looks to be a great fall! ♦

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