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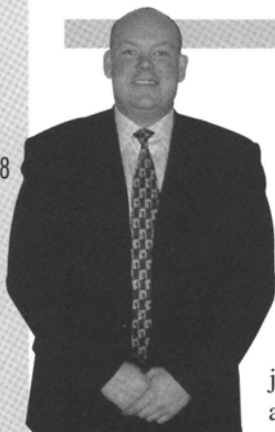


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PAUL TURNER



Happy Growing!

A warm spring welcome to our membership. As I write this, it finally looks like summer is just around the corner and I hear it's supposed to be a hot, wet one. I most certainly will not complain. This was a long, cold, snowy winter but I guess the reality is that we live in Canada not the Bahamas!

Greening grass is a sign that it's time to renew your STA membership. It was necessary to increase annual fees slightly for the 2003 season, but I think you would agree that the membership still represents great value for the price. The new updated roster is being compiled based on information provided with membership renewals and will be mailed upon its completion.

STA Web Site

To all our members who are using the web site, we say a big thank you and to any potential advertiser who may be interested in purchasing a banner ad, there are still great marketing opportunities available at very reasonable rates. The newly developed site is garnering an unbelievable amount of visits and we will continue to enhance the site to make it fun and resourceful for you our membership and for any visitors. We are looking at the possibility of adding a job board so if your municipality or organization is looking to fill some vacancies, please give Lee a call for an update. There will be a nominal charge for this service but given that our site caters to the key turf professionals in our industry, it may be money well spent.

Annual Field Day

The plans for this year's field day are proceeding well. We are extremely excited to announce that our venue will be held at the University of Toronto, Scarborough

Campus. We thank Gord van Dyk and his staff for submitting an application to host this year's event. If you haven't been there before it is a scenic campus with lots of great rolling hills in the west end of Toronto, very close to Highway 401, with lots of parking. The date for this year's event is Wednesday, September 17th. Please mark it in your day planners to attend. We need a great attendance to keep this event rolling. We have lined up a good combination of speakers to discuss very relevant and functional topics.

Mark your calendars now for STA's popular Annual Field Day September 17th at the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus.

I would like to say thank you to Board Member Rick Lane for volunteering his time to speak at the Communities in Bloom National Awards & Symposium on Parks & Grounds, September 23 to 28, in Stratford, Ontario. See page 4 for details.

To all our members, I hope you had a great spring and the weather gods look kindly on us so we can grow some fine, lush turf this summer. ♦

STA Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations on your hard work and achievement!

Tennessee Propedo

Supervisor, Parks East
City of Hamilton, Ontario
2003 Turf Managers' Short Course

Glen Kralka

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