

Ontario Turfgrass Symposium: Back to Our Roots

FEBRUARY 21-22, 2005, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH CAMPUS



Building on long-standing expertise in turf science and management, the Ontario Turfgrass Executive Committee is

pleased to announce the return of OTS to the University of Guelph campus for 2005.

Seminars focusing on irrigation and water conservation, best practices for turf management, new tools for integrated pest management, and organic solutions for turf management will enhance the existing golf, lawn care, sod production and sports turf management sessions. Seminars will feature the latest in scientific research, practical turf management, legislation, technology and human resources management. An opportunity to write the Voluntary IPM Accreditation Exam further enhances the professional development opportunities available at OTS.

In celebration of our return to home turf, a *Turf Managers' Short Course* Alumni Banquet is certain to be a highlight for past participants and faculty – a great time to reconnect with old friends and colleagues.

Proud sponsors of the symposium are the Sports Turf Association, Guelph Turfgrass Institute, Nursery Sod Growers Association, Ontario Recreation Facilities Association, Professional Lawn Care Association of Ontario, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and the Office of Open Learning at the University of Guelph.

The two-day program is scheduled for February 21-22, 2005. To receive a 2005 OTS program guide, please contact the Office of Open Learning at the University of Guelph at 519-767-5000 or info@open.uoguelph.ca. See page 5 for an overview of the Guelph Turfgrass Institute.

2005 Turf Manager's Short Course

Canada's most successful and valued Turf Managers' Short Course (TMSC), held at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute, will be offered from January 31 – February 25, 2005. Benefit from the expertise and

experience of industry professionals and U of G faculty while enhancing your knowledge of all aspects of turf management and culture. For more detailed information visit the TMSC website at www.open.uoguelph.ca/turfmanager or contact our office at 519-767-5000.

Welcome to Returning Board Member Paul Gillen

Paul Gillen has been a member of the Sports Turf Association since 1991, with a previous term on the Board of Directors in 1994/1995. He is also a member of the Sports Turf Managers Association in the USA, where he has served as a committee member. Paul is the Marketing Manager, Turf Products, for AerWay, a position he has held since 1983. In any spare time, Paul enjoys golfing and boating out of Port Dover with his wife Suse and four-legged "kids" Mercedes and Bentley.



Odds and Ends

STA Scholarship Recipient

STA Director Bob Sheard (left, picture below) congratulates Randy McCord, recipient of the STA scholarship, at the Ontario Agricultural College Awards Luncheon in June. Randy was the 2004 Ontario Diploma in Horticulture graduating student in the turf option with the highest overall mark. Randy was also the recipient of the Nursery Sod Growers' Association Award and the OMAF Award of Excellence in Leadership.



Quotable Quotes

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolour, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all. – Stanley Horowitz

STA Membership Plaques

Display membership plaques are available in executive engraved walnut for \$50 plus S&H. To order, contact Lee at the STA office.

Winter 2004 Submissions

If you have something you'd like to submit for the next issue, please forward it to the STA office by October 29, 2004.

Editorial Content

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