



OTS 2004 Makes a Big Splash at the Falls

ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S EVENT!

The Ontario Turfgrass Symposium continues to be Ontario's premier educational turf symposium and trade show with over 770 in attendance at this year's event hosted at the Sheraton on the Falls Hotel and Conference Centre in Niagara Falls.

With over 50 exhibitors and 50 seminars, delegates were given the best opportunity to see and learn about the latest technology, products, equipment and services. True to this year's theme, *Leading through Learning*, the education

program offered over 50 professional development seminars focusing on the latest in scientific research, practical turf management, legislation, technology and human resource management within the sports turf management, golf, lawn care, sod production and recreation sectors.

A new venue, new exhibitors and new association members combined to exceed the expectation of delegates who have come to value OTS as an industry leader within Ontario.

Welcome to Returning Board Member David Smith

David first joined the STA in 1991 and served as a Director of the Association in 1994/1995 and as Vice President during the 1996/1997 term. Many of you will be familiar with him as a Turfgrass Consultant with DCS Agronomic Services. Glad to have you back, David!



Odds and Ends

Natural Turf Preferred

In the *Sports Illustrated* 2003 Major League Baseball Player Survey, only five of the 525 votes for best field (1%) were for parks with artificial turf; 35.5% of the votes for worst field were for parks with artificial surfaces. *Sports Illust.*, Vol. 99 (1), July 7/03

Quote of the Month

Accept the peace of nature; her secret is patience.

The Furrow, Vol. 109 (2), Feb. 2004

2004 STA Membership Fees

Thank-you to all members renewing in 2004! Invoices for membership fees will be mailed at the end of March and are due on or before May 1. Please take a moment to verify your contact information as it appears on the memo accompanying your invoice. The annual STA Membership Roster is compiled from this information.

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.

Summer 2004 Submissions

If you have something you'd like to submit for the next issue, please forward it to the STA office by April 23, 2004.

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