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ANDREW GAYDON



### Seasons Greetings...

**H**appy winter greetings to all our members. The snowy season is not everyone's favourite, but it comes without fail year after year, and here in Canada we sure need to make the best of it! There are lots of activities to fill our winter time. Sitting by a log fire reading a book quickly comes to mind, but perhaps 'professional happenings' are more relevant here. The big event in Ontario this winter is the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium (OTS) which will be held February 21 and 22 at the University of Guelph.

A detailed brochure is enclosed with this newsletter. The theme *Back to Our Roots* is relevant because the symposium is returning to the campus of the University of Guelph and focusing on education for all industry sectors: sports turf management, golf, lawn care and sod production. The excellent program will allow for continuing accreditation credits for golf courses and parks.

The STA Annual General Meeting will be held at the symposium in the OAC Boardroom in Johnston Hall at 3:30 p.m. on February 22. We invite you all to join us for a great opportunity to meet other STA members and enjoy a wine and cheese social. Also at the AGM, the Board of Directors will be voted in for the year 2005. Any members wishing to stand for nomination for the Board, please put your name forward. We encourage and welcome new people.

As this is the last issue of the *Sports Turf Manager* for this year, I would like to thank all contributing authors, the editorial committee and of course our advertisers. Many thanks to Lee Huether, our Executive Director, for ensuring that the Directors and the Association are all running smoothly resulting in a proactive organization.

The Board of Directors would like to wish all its members and their families and friends a very happy and relaxing Christmas. ♦

### Register for the industry event of the year!

## OTS 2005: Back to Our Roots

February 21 & 22, 2005, University of Guelph

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1. Early Bird Registration Date: December 22, 2004.
2. Association Discount. As an STA member in good standing you qualify for lower association rates.
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