

# News from the Guelph Turfgrass Institute

PROVIDE AN INVALUABLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

## Associate Diploma in Turfgrass Management Program Applications

Application to the Associate Diploma in Turfgrass Management program is due in **early January**. Application is made through the Ontario Universities Application Centre website at [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca). An additional requirement is completion of a Supplementary Information Form that can be found at the program's website [www.oac.uoguelph.ca/learning/learn\\_dip2003t1m.asp](http://www.oac.uoguelph.ca/learning/learn_dip2003t1m.asp). If you are personally interested or have staff or high school students who are considering applying for the program, please be aware of these important deadlines. For more information, contact Rob Witherspoon at [robwith@uoguelph.ca](mailto:robwith@uoguelph.ca), 519-824-4120 ext. 56886.

## Diploma Student Internships

Our experience from last year is that many diploma students make arrangements for their summer internships over the Christmas break. We are trying to encourage students to seek internship

opportunities further afield although the appeal of home cooking and cheap room and board can be difficult to overcome. If you are interested in having an intern work and learn with you this summer please let us know as soon as possible so that we can make students aware of the diversity of opportunities that exist. I will be meeting with first-year students on **Thursday, December 2nd** to discuss the internship program in detail. I hope to provide the students with a list of potential internship opportunities at that time. For more information, contact Rob Witherspoon at 519-824-4120 ext. 56886, [robwith@uoguelph.ca](mailto:robwith@uoguelph.ca).



## ONTARIO TURFGRASS SYMPOSIUM

### Turf Managers' Short Course Alumni Banquet

In conjunction with the return of the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium to the campus of the University of Guelph, an Alumni Banquet for participants in the popular Turf Managers' Short Course is planned for Sunday, February 20, 2005 at The Cutten Club here in Guelph. Anyone who has taken the course since it was first offered is invited

to attend. Past and present instructors will be in attendance as well. Since the program has been running for over 30 years, some of our address records may be a little out of date. If you attended the course and would like to participate in the reunion dinner, please contact Rob Witherspoon, 519-824-4120 ext 56886, [robwith@uoguelph.ca](mailto:robwith@uoguelph.ca), and he will insure that you receive all the required information. We will try to group class years by table so you have an opportunity to visit and reminisce. It should be a fun evening!

## THE GREAT CANADIAN WEATHER QUIZ...



Which region is Canada's lightning capital, logging more than 50 thunderstorm hours each year? a) British Columbia's lower mainland, b) Prairies, c) Atlantic Canada, or d) extreme southwestern Ontario.

ANSWERS



## STA NEW MEMBERS

**Chris Herstek & Greg Lancaster**  
Town of Lincoln, Beamsville, ON

## Odds and Ends

### Quotable Quotes

To err is human, but to really foul things up requires a computer.  
– *Farmers' Almanac*

Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.  
– *Victor Hugo (1802-1885)*

### 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.

### Spring 2005 Submissions

If you have something you'd like to submit for the next issue, please forward it to the STA office by January 30, 2005.

### Editorial Content

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