

OTS 2006 Celebrates 15 Years This February!

STRENGTHENING OUR ROOTS: A GROWING TRADITION

The Ontario Turfgrass Symposium (OTS), celebrating 15 years of turf management education and leadership, offers educational programming that is second to none in the country. The symposium's theme, *Strengthening Our Roots: A Growing Tradition*, acknowledges the outstanding contribution the symposium has made to the Canadian turf industry.

Seminars will feature the latest in scientific research concerning reduction of pesticide use on turf, City of Toronto's Pesticide By-Law and identify the best grasses to use in restricted pesticide zones. Participants will learn about new grass species that can assist in conserving water on golf courses, home lawns and sports fields, as well as the latest trend in the United States of scrutinizing and limiting the application of phosphorous. These feature sessions further enhance the existing golf, lawn care, sod production and sports turf management sessions.

The 2006 venue, Rozanski Hall – the University of Guelph's newest, leading edge facility, has modern classrooms with state of the art presentation capabilities.



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

The two-day program is scheduled for February 20 & 21, 2006. To receive a 2006 OTS guide, please contact the Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph, at 519-767-5000 or info@open.uoguelph.ca.

Odds and Ends

2006 Turf Managers' Short Course, University of Guelph

Canada's most successful and valued Turf Managers' Short Course, held at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute, will be offered from January 30 – February 24, 2006. Benefit from the expertise and experience of industry professionals and University of Guelph 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 the Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph at 519-767-5000.

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 2005 Submissions

If you have something you'd like to submit for the next issue, please forward it to the STA office by October 21, 2005.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM! SPORTS TURF ASSOCIATION NEW MEMBERS...

Jeff Cunningham, City of Mississauga, ON

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Turf Managers' Short Course

John Marshall, Blue Mountain Golf & Country Club, Collingwood, ON
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