



Rambler Park

Has your municipality banned the use of pesticides?

No, but reductions are being implemented. We have not needed to use herbicides on sports fields for several years with the exception of some glyphosate prior to reseeding or sodding an area.

Are community user groups involved or have they been involved in the construction/maintenance of facilities? In what manner?

Community sport user groups have varied levels of involvement in the ongoing maintenance of some ball diamonds, but all athletic fields are maintained by City of Regina staff. A number of these groups have contributed to many of the facilities which allows them priority use in some cases. Annual meetings are conducted with the Athletic Field Advisory Committee which is comprised of sport-user groups to discuss any issues, special events and identify potential future capital projects as they relate to athletic facilities. Ongoing communication between City

program and maintenance staff and user groups allows maintenance concerns to be addressed as required. Typically any improvements requested by the user group above the standards set for the level of the facility become the cost (both capital and operating) of the user group.

How many hr/yr are fields permitted? Who permits them? Are the fields ever closed during the season to give them a rest? How much input do you have in the amount and timing of use?

The City of Regina's Central Scheduling Office is responsible for providing all permits for sport and recreation facilities. In 2004, athletic fields, parks and ball diamonds were permitted for 70,819 hours of use from May 1 to October 31. Better quality sport fields are permitted based on 18-20 hours/week usage per field. Fields are closed as required or as time permits for extra maintenance. Groups are contacted or are asked to call the athletic field supervisor to get current information on field status or "rain outs." ♦

THE GREAT CANADIAN WEATHER QUIZ...



What fell from the sky during the freakiest shower in Belleville, Ontario?

- a) toads picked up by a whirling funnel of vapour
- b) snow blizzard in July
- c) three days of unrelenting rain
- d) fist-sized hail

Answer: a

Calendar of Events

March 23 & 24

*Ontario Parks Association
49th Annual Educational Seminar &
Explorations Trade Show*
Hamilton, ON
Information: (905) 864-6182
www.opassoc.on.ca

May 1-5

*Ontario Recreation Facilities
Association 50th Annual Professional
Development Program*
Guelph, ON
Information: (416) 426-7062
www.orfa.com

July 19-22

*Ontario Parks Association
Annual General Meeting*
Brampton, ON
Information: Steve Preston, City of
Brampton (905) 874-2918
www.city.brampton.on.ca

January 30 – February 24, 2006

*Guelph Turfgrass Institute
Turf Managers' Short Course*
Guelph, ON
Info: (519) 767-5000

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