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safety shoes (or boots) on only one particular day and an accident occurs where safety shoes could have prevented the injury, it is the supervisor's fault.

Annual Field Day

We are organizing yet another interesting Field Day on September 14th at the Town of Milton. Our host municipality is centrally located, only 25 minutes west of the Toronto Airport and is a rapidly growing town with lots of new parks and sports fields. We have a great program planned with the theme *Environmental Stewardship: Healthy Soil... Healthy Turf*. See page 2 for the "Program at a Glance" and watch your mail and our website for complete details and registration information.

Workplace Safety...

Spring is here at last and we are all looking forward to a great Canadian summer. This year the various horticultural industries are all gearing up in anticipation of a long, hot season.

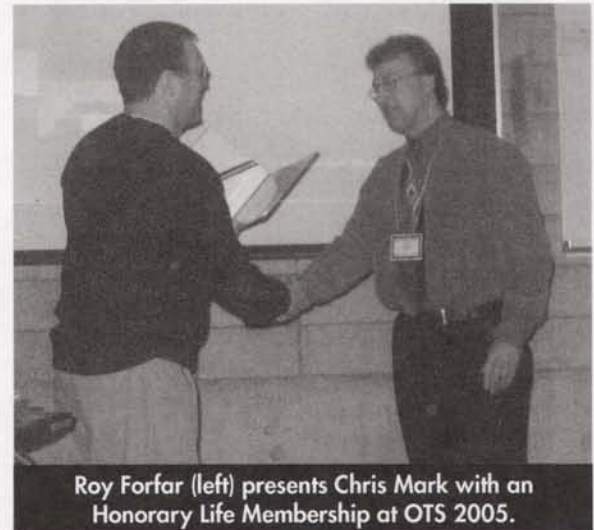
We had two wonderfully warm weeks in April and it's amazing how early beautiful weather motivates us all, in thought as well as in work. As our readers wade through spring work, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of safety.

The provincial government is prioritizing workplace safety and many new inspectors have been appointed to cover this task. It is every managers as well as workers responsibility to know "the rules of safety" and it is particularly important that manager's (and supervisor's) not only enforce the rules, but also ensure that all individuals under their supervision have read and understand the safety rules of their particular workplace.

In the case of an accident, no matter how major or minor it is, it is the manager or supervisor's responsibility to ensure that work is carried out safely at all times. For example, if an employee fails to wear

Recognizing Chris Mark

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of the members of the Sports Turf Association to sincerely congratulate Chris Mark for his outstanding service to the STA over many years. At this winter's Ontario Turfgrass Symposium, Chris received an Honorary Life Membership as a token of our thanks to



Roy Forfar (left) presents Chris Mark with an Honorary Life Membership at OTS 2005.

such a loyal trooper. Only five such awards have been presented previously. Recipients were James Boyce, Norman Rothwell, Clayton Switzer, Robert Sheard and Michael Bladon. ♦