

Strengthening Our Roots A Growing Tradition



SUMMARY OF SPORTS TURF RELATED SESSIONS

T1. 9:00 – 9:30, Tuesday, February 21

Competitive Turf: Overseeding For Weed Management by Evan Elford, University of Guelph

Research results from the 2005 season on the effects of overseeding athletic field turfgrass to reduce weed pressure will be presented in this session. IPM 0.66

T2. 9:30 – 10:00, Tuesday, February 21

Cultural Practices for Premium Sports Fields: What Works for Us by Tim Ernst, City of Kitchener

Providing safe, durable athletic fields that enhance the game is the objective of the Sports Turf Manager. The seminar will focus on sports turf management programs that provide premier athletic surfaces for elite play. IPM 0.66

T3. 10:30 – 11:00, Tuesday, February 21

If THEY Build it, They Will Come by Bob McFarland, City of Woodstock

At a time when resources do not match demands, the last thing a municipality wants to do is create facilities that will

be unappreciated and under-utilized. Partnering with community organizations in the development and operation of new facilities is one way to avoid this problem. The City of Woodstock and the Woodstock Soccer Club have formed a dynamic alliance that is in the process of creating an outdoor/indoor soccer complex. Could a similar strategy work in your community?

T4. 11:00 – 12:00, Tuesday, February 21

Field Closure Policies. Presentations will be made by representatives from three different municipalities, followed by a 15 minute discussion period.

- Tanya Steffler, City of Oshawa
Deciding when to close a field; what criteria should be used?
- Patty Peebles, Town of Oakville
Communicating field closures to user groups.
- Bruce Hay, City of Brampton
The positive and negative political and fiscal implications of field closures.

T22. 1:00 – 1:30, Tuesday, February 21

Turf Infill System: Two Years Under Our Belt by Stefan Szczepanski, Project Manager, Landscape Architecture, City of Mississauga

The presentation will highlight the operational results of the first 2 years of the City of Mississauga's Artificial Turf Infill System, located within the Parkway Belt lands at Iceland Arena. The presentation will illustrate the research and improvements made to the infrastructure and design of such a facility. In addition, the City's most recent project will be presented in detail.

T23. 1:30 – 2:00, Tuesday, February 21

It's a Brand New Field: Maintaining Artificial Turf Surfaces by George Bannerman, Bannerman Ltd.

Artificial turf surfaces are relatively new and information about maintaining them is insufficient. First hand experiences with maintenance techniques that ensure good, safe playing surfaces will be shared with the audience.

T24. 2:00 – 2:30, Tuesday, February 21

Artificial Turf: Maintenance Issues by Frank Erle, University of Western Ontario

A discussion on the maintenance issues surrounding various types of artificial turf including cleaning, ageing and painting will be presented. This should be of particular interest to those already maintaining artificial turf or those considering installing a new field.

T25. 2:30 – 3:00, Tuesday, February 21

The Evolution of Artificial Turf and New Products on the Horizon, Roy Klementti.

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Registration Details...

1. **Early Bird Registration Date: December 19, 2005**
2. **Association Discount.** As an STA member in good standing, you qualify for lower association rates.
3. **Group Discount.** Others from your facility/organization who are not STA members qualify for the lower association rates when registered with a member. Send the registration in the same envelope, fax it at the same time, or make just one phone call to register.

