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Field Day Committee comprised of Jane Arnett-Rivers, Andrew Gaydon, Roy Forfar, Paul Turner, and Lee Huether – excellent work (Roy, we missed you)! Your hard work and dedication to this industry is the reason why our field days are always well attended and a great educational value. Thanks also to Andrew Gaydon who was the MC for the day and kept everything rolling along without a hitch. Please check out the articles and pictures from the event featured in this issue.

With the Field Day behind us, we're now preparing for yet another prime educational opportunity. Mark your calendars. OTS 2007 will be February 19 & 20, 2007 at the University of Guelph. The theme for this year is *Keeping it Green*. Stay tuned for more details.

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As mentioned in the summer issue of the newsletter, one of the goals of the association is to promote communication and professional development among sports turf managers. If you have any recommended topics for workshops or other educational ideas, please forward them to any board member or Lee at the STA office.

With all the rain that we have had this fall, I'm sure that everyone is knee-deep into the renovation of their sports facilities. While I know that it is frustrating when you are battling the weather, keep your head up... snow is coming! ♦

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Wow! What a Day!

On Thursday, September 21 we hosted our 19th Annual Field Day and as per usual, it surpassed all expectations. The educational program started with opening remarks from Dave Jenner, Assistant Head Master of Ridley College. Dr. Andrew McNitt from Penn State then covered *Sports Turf Drainage and Utilizing Compost on Athletic Fields*. After the break, Evan Elford, University of Guelph, took centre stage to discuss research he has been doing on *Competitive Turf: Overseeding for Weed Management*. After a great lunch, Dr. McNitt again took the podium and covered *Multi-Use Field Maintenance*. Following his talk, we had the equipment demo and trade show out on the field. This year we set an all-time record with approximately 200 people registered. We had 31 companies either sponsoring or participating with indoor and/or outdoor exhibits totalling 260 people in attendance.

Without the support of our members, suppliers and speakers, the day would not be the success that it is. Many thanks to Ridley College and Cam Beneteau, Manager of Grounds, for providing a superb venue. Great job, Cam! I would also like to thank Dr. Andrew McNitt who travelled from Pennsylvania State University, and Evan Elford from the University of Guelph. A very special thanks go to the