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The President's Desk – Gord Dol

Wow! What a summer. We went from an extremely wet fall in 2006 to this year being one of the driest seasons on record.

We recently held our 20th Annual Field Day. Attendance was again at an all time high with a great program of speakers and a first class venue. Thanks to the Field Day Committee for a job well done and to the City of Hamilton for hosting this event. A special thanks to all the sponsors and exhibitors for their time and generosity in making this day possible. We will very shortly be planning for our 2008 event and as always, your ideas are most welcome.

Please note in this issue the press release for the new Parks and Open Spaces Authority. This collaboration by the Sports Turf Association, the Ontario Parks Association and the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association brings together three very professional organizations to better serve the needs of all members in the areas of certification and professional recognition and development.

This being our 20th anniversary year, we are continuing with profiles of past presidents. This issue will feature Paul Turner and Andrew Gaydon.



Our membership roster is now online. Lee sent out instructions a while ago on how our members can access all this information. If you have any questions, please call her at our office.

Nominations for the R.W. Sheard Scholarship are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is November 1st.

Winter is fast approaching. The grass will not be green for much longer! Enjoy the fall colours and temperatures. ♦

Above: STA past and present directors gathered at the recent Field Day. Back row, left to right: Don Bridgman, Andrew Gaydon, Dave Chapman, Gord Dol, Bob Kennedy and Dave Smith. Front row, left to right: Jane Arnett-Rivers, Paul Turner, Everett Nieuwkoop, Jim Galbraith, Bob Sheard and Mike Bladon.