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## The President's Desk – Gord Dol

Summer is finally here and the business of managing your sports fields is well under way.

**A**n important part of maintaining good quality fields is managing your irrigation systems. We recently held our second water workshop at the Region of Halton Council Chambers. The theme was *Proactive Water Management for Sports Turf Managers* with 50+ sports turf managers and industry professionals in attendance to learn from a great slate of speakers. Thanks to the Water Workshop Committee for a job well done. Thanks also to the Region of Halton for providing a superb venue. All in all, it was a great day. Please see articles from the speakers in this issue.

It is now time to turn our focus to the fall field day. This year, the field day will be held at the Westoby Ice Surface/Olympic Sports Park in Dundas on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Last year's event showcased an impressive program with record attendance. This year's field day promises to be yet another memorable one. Mark your calendars! We want to see everyone there.

Invoices for membership fees have been sent out. Your prompt attention to these would be greatly appreciated.

This year, instead of sending out the printed membership roster, we are placing it online, readily available to our mem-

bers. We are also in the process of updating our website and making it more user friendly. This will ultimately save significant time and money.

Included with this issue is the first newsletter from the Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation. The OTRF is always looking for donations for turf research. With increased field use pressures and the movement toward reducing or eliminating the use of pesticides, the need for good research has never been more important.

Finally, with the heat of the summer upon us, please ensure that you protect yourself from the sun and that you and your staff drink plenty of water. Have a great summer! ♦

**Above:** President Gord Dol (far left) with speakers at STA's spring water workshop. Left to right: Gord Dol/President STA, Robert Edmondson/Director Watershed Management Services, Conservation Halton, Pam Charbonneau/Turfgrass Specialist, OMAFRA, Rob Witherspoon/Director, Guelph Turfgrass Institute, Gregory Snaith/President, EnviroIrrigation Engineering Inc., Wayne Galliher/Water/Wastewater Outreach Coordinator, Regional Municipality of Halton. Absent: Peter Crockett/Commissioner of Planning and Public Works, Regional Municipality of Halton, Jean Gandubert, CAO, Oakville Soccer Club.