



Guelph Turfgrass Institute/ Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation Field Day

Participants attending the 2008 GTI/OTRF Research Field Day were treated to a beautiful, sunny summer day. After welcoming remarks from the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky (Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs), Kevin Falls (President, Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation) and Dr. Rob Gordon (Dean, Ontario Agricultural College) the approximately 100 participants headed out for a ten stop tour covering a wide range of research from aquatic toxicology to the very latest pesticide alternatives.

Popular tour stops included the NTEP Kentucky bluegrass trials that include some of the new Texas bluegrass hybrids which have the potential to introduce a new level of drought tolerance into

bluegrass seedings. A new mowing trial shows the performance of a number of the newer dwarf bluegrass varieties cut at fairway height and above. Tom Hsiang provided an excellent overview of his disease research and discussed some of the newer products that are making their way to the marketplace. There was also a chance to score a goal on the GTI soccer field to win a GTI 20th anniversary hat.

Results from current research projects will appear in future GTI *Annual Research Reports*. Thanks to all faculty and staff who helped with the field day as well as the industry professionals who took time from their busy schedules to join us for the morning. The next GTI/OTRF summer field day will be in 2010.

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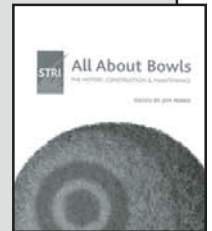
All About Bowls: The History, Construction & Maintenance of Bowling Greens

Now available from the Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI) bookstore, the new book is a fully updated version of the original 'bowls bible,' *Bowling Greens – Their History, Construction and Maintenance*, which has been out of print for over four years. First published in 1988, the original was produced in black and white.

The new version is now available in full colour with additional content in a hard back cover. The 224 pages have been revised and brought up to date with current images and photographs by editor Jeff Perris, STRI Consultant Agronomist for 42 years.

All About Bowls is an indispensable aid to all bowling clubs and greenkeepers. It provides a comprehensive year round guide to the management of both flat and crown greens. It is fully supported by Bowls England, who provided the book's foreword, and the British Crown Green Bowls Association.

Cost of the new book, ISBN-978-187-343-1603, is £22.50 plus postage and packing. It is available via STRI's website at www.stri.co.uk/bookshop.



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