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The President's Desk – Gord Dol

Summer is here. I trust that all your fields are under control and you are now planning for some well deserved vacation time.

As I reported in my spring column, the *Athletic Field Construction Manual* is complete and the new STA electronic bookstore is now open. You can purchase your copy of this valuable manual online at www.sportsturfassociation.com. The response to the manual has been tremendous and all feedback to date has been quite positive. We anticipate the sale of many copyright licensing seals permitting the reproduction of the manual for tender specifications. This will bring into practice our intent to create uniformity in the design and construction of athletic fields. Great work everyone!

POSA Summer Operational Forum

I recently had the opportunity to speak at and attend the 2nd Annual Parks and Open Space Alliance (POSA) Summer Operational Forum that was held at the Glen Abbey Community Centre on June 25. The workshop was well attended with a good program of speakers. The Town of Oakville hosted the event and we would like to extend our thanks to Jane Arnett-Rivers, STA chairperson on the POSA Committee, Tom Mulvale, Supervisor of Sports Fields & IPM, who presented one of the STA sponsored sessions, and Scott Mairs, Glen Abbey Community Centre Manager. This collaborative effort between the Ontario Parks Association, Ontario Recreation Facilities Association and STA involved a number of individuals from all three organizations. Congratulations to all!

Keeping You Up-to-Date

This issue of *Sports Turf Manager* contains a number of articles from the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium as well as an update from Ken Pavely on the proposed pesticide ban (Bill 64). Ken has attended a number of stakeholder meetings over the past several months on our behalf. We will do our best to keep you updated on this legislation.

See You at Our Annual Field Day!

Mark your calendars to be at Donald M. Gordon Chinguacousy Park in Brampton, Ontario on September 11. The planning for our Annual Field Day is well underway. As in the past, this promises to be another great event! There is no better way to meet and connect with other professional turf managers than at our Field Day. Watch your mailbox and inbox for all the details. I hope to see everyone there!

Membership invoices have been sent out and are now due. Your prompt attention to these would be greatly appreciated.

OTRF & GTI Summer Events

The Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation (OTRF), Guelph Turfgrass Institute (GTI) and Guelph Soccer have teamed up for a pilot project. A number of mini soccer fields have been created and will be used for research purposes. With these in place, our researchers will be able to evaluate the impact of summer play and will lay the groundwork for more sports turf research in the very near future. Read the article on page 7 for more details.

This year's OTRF Fundraising Golf Tournament will be held August 11 at Westmount Golf and Country Club in Kitchener, Ontario. Visit the OTRF website for all the details www.otrf.ca.

Lastly, the GTI will be holding its Summer Research Field Day on August 21 in Guelph. Presented in cooperation with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs and the OTRF, the event will feature a tour of current research projects underway at the GTI. Information and registration details are available on the GTI website www.guelphturfgrass.ca

Have a great summer and don't forget the sunscreen! ♦