

Promoting Ontario Turf Research

Combining Soccer & Research

If you are driving by the Guelph Turfgrass Institute (GTI), you will be surprised to see soccer nets and pitches on the research plots. The local soccer club and the GTI have teamed up to install mini soccer fields. University of Guelph turfgrass researchers will perform experimental trials on active playing fields and the soccer youth of Guelph will gain extra playing fields. A monitoring protocol to evaluate the impact of play on the field over the summer season will help lay the groundwork for the development of a more extensive sports field research com-



plex at the GTI. Future research could involve how to minimize wear of natural playing surfaces and the effects of field conditions on sports injuries. As more money is invested in turfgrass research, more trials on sports turf management and the related health benefits can be conducted. These goals can be achieved with the research expertise and facilities that are available at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute. In the current turmoil of new government regulations, the time is now to promote sports turf research for the improved health benefits of the next generation of sports participants.

New Logo & Website

Summer is definitely on its way and as the turfgrass research plots here at the GTI green up, the OTRF is taking on a new 'green' look. The Ontario Turfgrass Re-

search Foundation has launched a new logo and website (www.otrf.ca). Check out the website for information on the latest OTRF funded research, membership, golf tournament details and news events.

Planning for the Future

The GTI and the OTRF have launched Vision 2027, an in depth plan that outlines the targets for turfgrass and environmental research at the GTI for the next 20 years. Effective design, development and management of green spaces within urban areas will become increasingly critical in the near future. Vision 2027, available on the OTRF website, charts a plan for turfgrass research at the GTI that will take management of our green spaces to the next level.

To ensure that the GTI facility continues to be a global leader in the area of urban green space management, the OTRF continues in its quest to solicit donations. In the past few years donations have grown exponentially allowing unprecedented amounts to be disbursed for turfgrass research. This year, the OTRF has chosen a cross section of projects that focus on the areas of fungicides, fertilization methods, identification and management of turfgrass diseases and environmental concerns. The results from most of these projects are timely and applicable to sports field management.

Take the OTRF Challenge

Did you know that all donations are tax deductible? Consider an OTRF membership.... your turfgrass and sports fields will appreciate it !



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