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The President's Desk – Gord Dol

Wow! Two wet seasons back-to-back. I trust your wet field policies were put to good use to protect your turf in summer and fall 2009!

Talking Turf in The Telephone City

Attendance was again very high at our 22nd annual fall field day with a great line-up of speakers and a first class venue. Thanks to the Field Day Committee for a job well done and to the City of Brantford – especially Brain Hughes, Manager of Parks Services and Lori-Dawn Cavin, Community Events Coordinator – for hosting the event. Thanks also to Walter Gretzky for welcoming and entertaining us and Bob Kennedy and Bruce Carman for chairing the day. I was unable to attend this year but by all accounts, it was another great success. A special thanks to all the sponsors and exhibitors for their time and generosity. See inside for a “snapshot” of September 17!

We will very shortly be focusing our attention on Field Day 2010. As always, your ideas are most welcome. The Field



the board. Now would be the time to consider allowing your name to stand for election. If this interests you, please speak to any board member or call Lee Huether at our office.

A special thanks to all Field Day sponsors and exhibitors who make this popular educational event so successful. Turn to page 12 to view an event photo gallery. Speaker Alan Dore's article examining risk and liability is on pages 17-19 with log sheets and checklists available online.

Day Committee spends a lot of time organizing this event and should be recognized. Members are Jane Arnett-Rivers, Bruce Carman, Bob Kennedy, Dave Chapman, Andrew Gaydon and Paul Turner. Thanks for another job well done!

OTS 2010 in Guelph

The Ontario Turfgrass Symposium is February 17-18 in Rozanski Hall at the University of Guelph. This year promises to be another great educational forum. The Sports Turf Association is proud to be a part of the symposium, now in its 19th year. During the OTS, we hold our annual general meeting which is open to all members. We will also be electing directors to

Nominations for the Robert W. Sheard Scholarship are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is November 1. Details about the scholarship and the application form are available online at www.sportsturfassociation.com.

The list of approved projects under the RInC funding program is on the Industry Canada website at <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/708.nsf/eng/home>. This fiscal stimulus spending will no doubt make your life a little busier next season.

Winter is fast approaching. The grass will not be green for much longer. Take some time out to enjoy it! ♦