

Ontario's Cosmetic Pesticides Ban

"As we move into the first full year under the pesticide ban here in Ontario, it's been interesting to follow the editorials and letters to the editor (in Maclean's magazine and the National Post in particular) condemning the 'weed infestations' on the sports fields that children are playing on, and looking at the longer term implications that the loss of 'turf' will mean in the future. In this issue, we've included excerpts from a panel discussion held at this year's OTS. Representatives from the cities of Waterloo, Oshawa and Mississauga analyzed the impact of the ban thus far in their region. On the research front, OMAFRA's Pam Charbonneau discusses recent findings on the effectiveness of an iron chelate herbicide for broadleaf weed control." *By Paul Gillen*

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STA President Paul Gillen and the "kids."

What do you think?

It's year two of Ontario's pesticide ban legislation. We are asking you, our members, to comment and provide feedback on the remedial methods that have been successful in keeping your facilities "safe and playable." Send us an email to info@sportsturfassociation.com (Subject: Pesticides Ban). We'll post your replies online.



Book September 23rd now and we'll see you in Cambridge this fall.

STA Field Day 2010

Sports turf managers from across the province will come together where the Grand and Speed Rivers converge for the STA's 23rd Annual Field Day on Sept. 23. Located off Highway 401 just west of Toronto, Cambridge boasts a mix of urban and rural settings. A vibrant industrial, cultural and tourism services hub, the city has recreational amenities that include 12 community centres, 4 public libraries and 1,000 acres of parks with 141 sports fields.

The Field Day Committee is in the midst of applying the finishing touches to this year's program. For topnotch turf education and the opportunity to network with peers and industry suppliers, plan to join us at the Hespeler Optimist Park/Memorial Arena/Beehive Hall. Visit www.sportsturfassociation.com for all the details as they become available.