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# President's Desk

BY PAUL GILLEN

**W**elcome to summer, at last. It was a long time coming this year; or it seemed to be, anyway.

Your association personnel have had a busy spring. We've graduated 39 students from the spring offerings of the Sports Turf Management and Maintenance Course; 22 in Guelph and 17 in Midland, Ontario. Did you know that our instructors will come to you as we did in Midland and Moncton, New Brunswick? Contact Lee Huether for particulars if you are interested in having an in-house presentation of the course.

The National Leadership Forum of the Canadian Recreation Facilities Council was held June 10 and 11 in Toronto, Ontario. The STA sponsored the Innovations for the Sustainability of Sports Fields session for this national event.



**Atlantic Sports Turf Field Day Program Participants** L-R:  
STA Atlantic Director Gord Horsman/City of Moncton,  
Speaker Eric Lyons/University of Guelph, Event Day  
Chair Bob Daniels/Dalhousie Agricultural Campus,  
Event Host Rob Mullane/Halifax Regional Municipality,  
and Speaker George Bannerman/Bannerman.



L-R: Gord Horsman with speaker  
Tim Vanini/New Dimensions  
Turfgrass

We are making progress with our Branding and Marketing Project that we introduced in the last issue. Your directors participated in a discovery meeting late in May, with a number of member, partner and stakeholder interviews to follow. We hope to have an initial presentation of the combined results at the Board of Directors meeting this month. We are excited by the process, which, in the end, will help to

guide and assist us in establishing and achieving our goals as an organization as we move into the next 25 years.

In this issue we look at the Sports Turf Field Day at the Dartmouth Sportsplex and Commons in the Halifax Regional Municipality where we hosted sports turf managers and industry professionals from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. We express our appreciation to our program participants and to all of our industry supporters. We also examine a Canada-wide plague – the goose problem.

See "Understanding Canada Goose Management" inside together with an article on Oakville, Ontario's Canada Goose Management Program. As always, we welcome your comments.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the local upcoming field days – August 29 in Langley, British Columbia and September 19 in Mississauga, Ontario. Both have excellent programs arranged. We are also preparing for a 1-day Synthetic Turf Workshop to be held in November in association with our Ontario Recreation Facilities Association partners. Stay tuned to the STA website for the details of each event.

That's it for me for now. Always remember – "Safe and Playable". •