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COMING EVENTS

Oct. 28, 1992

Ont. Recreation Facilities Assoc. Facility Safety

Plan Fall Workshops at Thunder Bay, London, Nepean, Owen Sound, Oakville, Hamilton.

Contact: O.R.F.A.

1220 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite 210,
NORTH YORK, ON. M2K 2X1
(416) 495-4200

Nov. 2 - Nov. 6, 1992

Turfgrass Management Certificate, Level 2

OLDS College, Alberta

Contact: Department of Extension, Olds College
OLDS, AB. T0M 1P0
(403) 556-8344

Nov. 29 - Dec. 2, 1992

**44th Canadian Turfgrass Conference
& Trade Show**

World Trade & Convention Centre, HALIFAX, NS.

Contact: Conference - Lisa North

Trade Show - Chuck Desveaux

CGSA

5580 Explorer Dr., Ste. 509,
MISSISSAUGA, ON. L4W 4Y1
(416) 602-8873, 1-800-387-1056
FAX: 416-602-1958

Jan. 4 - Jan. 6, 1993

Ontario Turfgrass Symposium & Trade Show

University of Guelph, GUELPH, ON.

Contact: Mr. Kelly Wilson,

Office of Continuing Education, Univ. of Guelph,

GUELPH, ON. N1G 2W1

(519) 824-4120, ext. 3814, FAX: 519-767-0758

Feb. 1 - Feb. 26, 1993

34th Annual Turf Managers' Short Course

University of Guelph, GUELPH, ON.

Contact: University of Guelph,

Office of Continuing Education,

Room 160, Johnston Hall,

GUELPH, ON. N1G 2W1

(519) 767-5000

**Professional Development Series for Turf
Managers**

**Feb. 1 - 4, 1993 - Working with the Media and the
Public**

Feb. 22 - 25, 1993 - Managing People at Work

University of Guelph

Contact: University of Guelph, Room 160, Johnston
Hall, GUELPH, ON. N1G 2W1 (519) 767-5000

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Association Needs Your Help

Over the five year history of our Association the membership has slowly increased from the original 24 members in 1987 to our current membership of 140. We are aware of only three members who have actually resigned, however, many have failed to remit their annual fees. No reasons have been communicated to the Executive Secretary for not responding to invoices.

During the past two years our Executive Secretary has initiated a closer control over the membership records. He now mails an invoice in March with a follow up reminder to delinquents in July. He tells me we have only 12 members, who were paid up on Sept. 1, 1991, that have not responded to this system of invoicing in 1992.

Three provided a reason. What happened to the others? Information from our membership when they move or if they wish to leave the Association would be greatly appreciated.

There is more that can be done. As mentioned notifying the Executive Secretary of the movement of members from one employer to another would aid in maintaining contact. Adding more of your staff to the list is another move members in administrative positions can make. The saving in registration for the Guelph Conference alone more than pays the \$20.00 cost of the additional membership. Personal contact and talking to fellow turf managers with organizations other than your own may influence them to join.

Initiatives of the Association - the Newsletter, the Field Managers' Guide, the Video tapes - cost money; and may not be 100% cost recoverable. New initiatives will cost money. In the final analysis our chief source of revenue is membership fees.

The strength of our Association is the membership. The ability of the Association to serve the membership depends on our revenue. Our revenue depends on the number of members. If each of you contribute to building the membership, our revenue and the service we can provide to the membership of the total Association will increase.

Thank you for your assistance.

- Peter Kleschnitzki

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