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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Spring
&
Summer
Greetings!!*



I know the calendar has reflected Spring for a while now, but I am sure most feel Spring never really arrived. Below normal temperatures for all of April and most of May, combined with above average rainfall has thrown a curve into the maintenance schedules for most turf managers. It has been so cool even the perennial ryegrass has been slow. Those who opted for late season, dormant fertilization last fall I am sure were glad they did from a purely practical standpoint. Fields have been so wet, early spring fertilization for most areas was difficult if not impossible this year.

While the weather may not be heating up just yet, things are warming up at the STA office. Our Executive Secretary has been busy issuing annual invoices (many thanks to those who have already paid) and following up on member enquiries. The planning committee for the sports turf sessions for the 1997 OTS has met again and almost finalized our portion of the program. A field day is planned for later this summer, more news on that upcoming in a special flyer.

It is with regret that I advise the membership that Bob Sheard, our Newsletter Editor, former Executive Secretary, and

soil scientist extraordinaire has tendered his resignation from active duty with our Association. Bob has contributed so much to this Association, education and research in soil and crop science, and the turf industry. If anyone deserves a more leisurely lifestyle it's Bob, and he will be sorely missed by all of us. Through Bob's efforts the *Sports Turf Manager* has become one of the most widely respected newsletters in the turf industry.

The year 1997 represents the 10th anniversary of the Sport Turf Association. From the humblest of beginnings, the STA has grown tremendously, not only in membership, but respect and stature within the turf industry. How to celebrate our "Terrific 10th" will be an agenda item at upcoming Directors meetings. Anyone with ideas or thoughts on a special event, slogan or to mark this special year during 1997 is welcome to submit any and all ideas to us. Call us, or fax us anytime.

I wish everyone much success in their maintenance programs this season and a happy, enjoyable and safe summer.

Wishing you safer, better sports turf.

Christopher Mark
President