

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Tom Hickey**, District of Powell River, BC • **Duncan Graham**, Dundas, ON  
(Scholarship Winner, Ontario Diploma in Horticulture, Turf Option)



### ATTENTION!

*These two key publications are a must for any sports turf manager:*

- Athletic Field Managers' Guide for Construction & Maintenance, \$8.00 for members (mailing & taxes included), \$12.00 for potential members
- Constructing the Sports Field, a pamphlet jam packed with info for sand based fields, available at a minimal cost

**Contact the STA to order.**

## DOGS BY DESIGN



When it comes to golf businesses, creativity has no limits. Dogs by Design, for example, is a canine academy that leases border collies, retrievers, and dalmations to chase geese off golf courses. It charges \$20 a day or \$4,000 for the season.

"We're the goose busters," said master trainer Norm Murray from Ballantrae, Ontario. "These birds extrude about half a pound of excrement a day. When you have 50-100 geese flying fairways and golfers walking through it ... it becomes quite an annoyance."

Golf, as far as Mr. Murray is concerned, is the best thing to happen to dog training in a long, long time.

"It's changing my life back to normal," Mr. Murray said. "We're recovering from a bad case of economics. These golf courses have tried netting, shotgun blasts, horns, etc. But they're all irritants. The best way to do anything is to prevent it rather than correct it."

By the end of this year, Mr Murray predicts Dogs by Design will have signed up 80 golf courses, all in Ontario, for his goose patrol. ♦

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## COMING EVENTS

**Ontario Parks Association**  
AGM & Awards Banquet  
September 16-17  
Toronto, Ontario

**Crop Protection Institute**  
46th Conference & Annual Meeting  
September 20-23  
Delta Meadowvale, Mississauga, Ontario  
Contact (416) 622-9771, fax (416) 622-6764

**1st National Parks & Open Space Symposium**  
September 24-25  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Communities in Bloom**  
National Award Ceremonies  
September 26-27  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

**National Institute on Park & Grounds Management**  
28th Annual Educational Conference  
October 25-28  
Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada  
Contact National Institute  
(920) 733-2301

**The Composting Council of Canada**  
8th Annual Conference, Exhibits,  
and General Meeting  
"Return to Your Roots... Compost"  
November 4-6  
Delta Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario  
Contact Susan Antler (416) 535-0240  
email [ccc@compost.org](mailto:ccc@compost.org)

**University of Guelph Turf Managers Short Course**  
Session 1: Nov. 16-Dec. 11, 1998  
Session 2: Feb. 1-26, 1999  
Contact U of G, Office of Open Learning  
(519) 767-5000, fax (519) 767-1114  
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**Congress "99"**  
**Canada's International Horticultural Trade Show & Conference**  
Sponsored by Landscape Ontario  
January 12-14, 1999  
Toronto Congress Centre, Toronto, Ontario  
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