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## 16th Annual STA Field Day

RECORD BREAKING NUMBER OF DELEGATES FOR 2003!

The day dawned sunny and warm, the unknown threat of Hurricane Isobel still a few days away. The venue was awesome, Highland Creek Valley at the University of Toronto @ Scarborough a picturesque background. The registration, record breaking for this event, was buoyed by the always generous support of turfgrass industry sponsors and exhibitors. The speakers were both enthusiastic and informative. What a day! We survived both the snarl of Toronto traffic and some minor audio-visual technical difficulties!

### Hosting Soccer Championships

Rob McMulkin, Robbie International Soccer Tournament *(by Gord van Dyk)*

What started out 38 years ago as a soccer fund raiser for Robbie Wims who had cystic fibrosis has turned into a mega tournament involving some 240 teams from around the world. This international tournament showcasing players from ages 9-18 is held the Canada Day weekend throughout the GTA area.

Teams have travelled from as far away as South Africa, Ireland, Scotland and the United States to participate in 380 games

over three days. Co-operation between the City of Toronto, its staff, volunteers and soccer clubs throughout the region is paramount to the successful staging of this event.

The organization committee, complete with volunteer personnel in all front line and back-up positions, commences directly after the tournament ends each year. They run the 12 month operation necessary to partner with sponsors to ensure adequate coverage and advertising.

The 55 playing and practice fields are booked a year in advance. They are supervised by city staff for... → **page 7**



### ONTARIO TURFGRASS SYMPOSIUM, JANUARY 19-21

Mark your calendar now! Early bird registration date is December 5th. This year's conference is being held at the Sheraton on the Falls – Niagara's foremost four diamond resort hotel. Get ready for an information-packed program covering the latest in scientific research and practical turf management. See page 4 inside for further information...

