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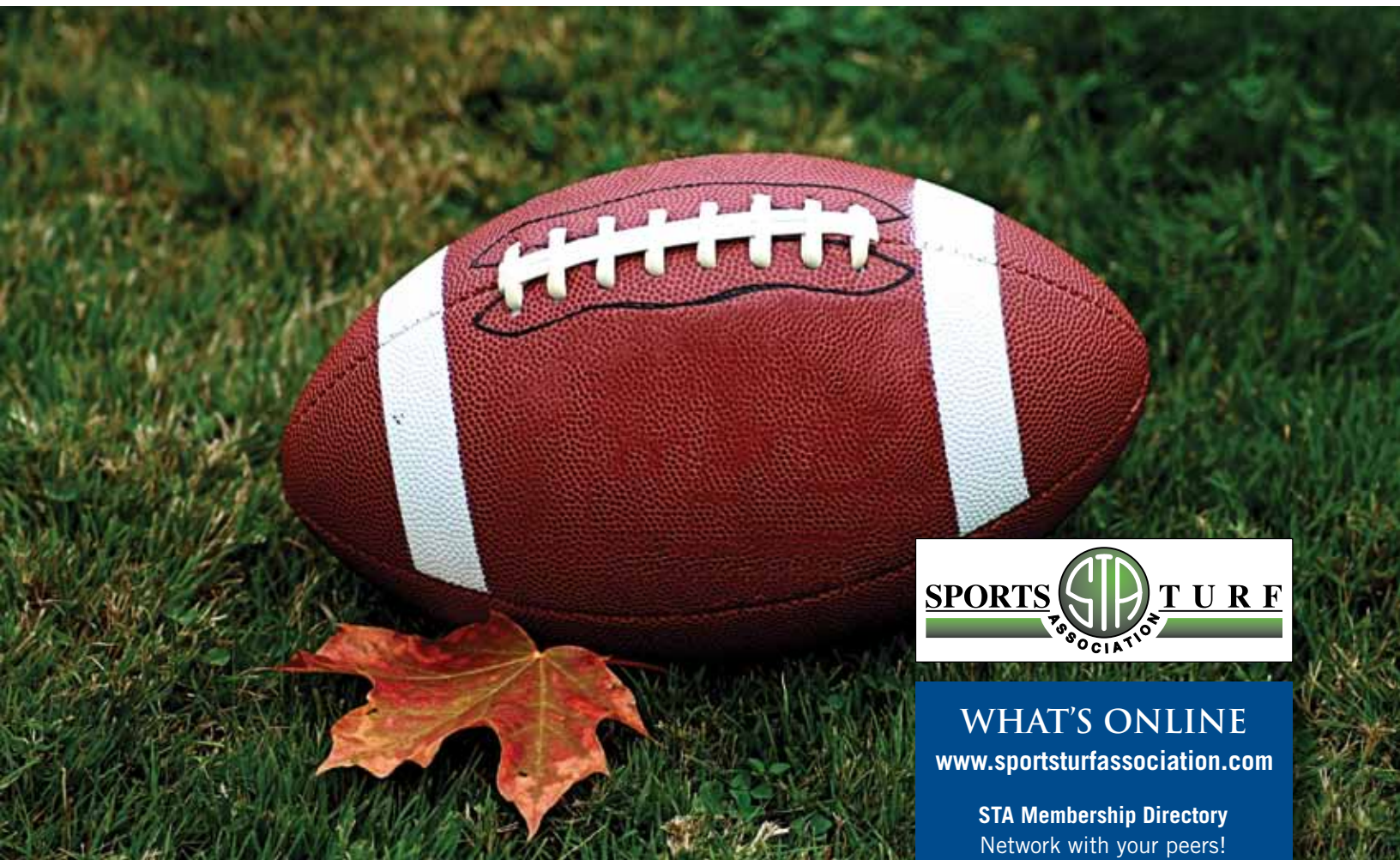
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# President's Desk

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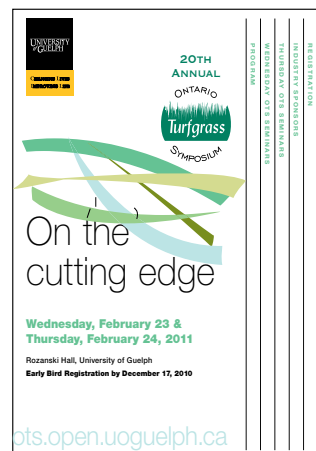
**W**e are coming to the end of what has been the second warmest year on record here in southern Ontario. While that has been great for outdoor activities, it has provided challenges for those responsible for maintaining turf, especially in light of water restrictions and the first full year under the pesticides ban. That being said, watching the resilience and ingenuity of management and staff to get the best possible results under such challenging conditions is one of the reasons that I really enjoy this industry.

The Summer Operational Forum was held on June 23 in association with our Parks and Open Space Alliance (POSA) partners. With one in every seven Canadians living with some form of disability, our theme, Accessibility in Ontario's Parks and Open Spaces, was – and is – so very, very important. If you missed the event, there are some valuable resources available from the organizations that provided sessions: City of Toronto ([www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca)), Ministry of Community and Social Services ([www.AccessON.ca](http://www.AccessON.ca)), Active Living Alliance and the All Abilities Welcome Campaign ([www.allabilitieswelcome.ca](http://www.allabilitieswelcome.ca)), and Variety Village ([www.varietyyontario.ca](http://www.varietyyontario.ca)).

Continuing with POSA events, we worked overtime to pull together the first POSA "Introduction to Synthetic Turf and Maintenance" training sessions held October 28 and 29 at the Hershey Sports Zone, Mississauga (just about the time you should be receiving this issue of Sports Turf Manager!). The workshops covered every aspect of synthetic turf from planning and budgeting to bid proposal preparation and evaluation, to construction, installation and maintenance considerations.

Our Annual Field Day was held on September 23 at the Hespeler Beehive Hall and Optimist Park in Cambridge. While there were some challenges for the committee this year, the day was an unqualified success. Our guest speakers, Dr. John Sorochan

from the University of Tennessee, and Dr. Katerina Jordan and Dr. Eric Lyons from the University of Guelph, provided an array of insights into sports turf maintenance. Everyone in attendance seemed to take something new away from the day of seminars and field demonstrations. Our sincere thanks to the many sponsors and exhibitors for their continued support and to Paul Turner, Bob Kennedy and the rest of the committee for their efforts on behalf of the association.



Finally, the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium, On the Cutting Edge, is scheduled for February 23 and 24 at the University of Guelph. Watch your mail and visit [www.ots.open.uoguelph.ca](http://www.ots.open.uoguelph.ca) for all

the details as they become available. We are especially pleased that this year Kim Heck, Executive Director of the Sports Turf Managers Association in the US, will be part of the program.

Winter will soon be upon us – a time to catch our breath and start preparations for next year. Until we chat again,

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Former STA President and Sports Turf Manager editor Mike Bladon and Turf & Recreation editor Mike Jiggins (right) at the STA Field Day.



STA Annual Field Day. Over 200 sports turf professionals, students and industry suppliers gathered in Cambridge on September 23 for a great day of education and networking.



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**December 17. Early Bird Registration Deadline. Ontario Turfgrass Symposium.**  
Info: 519-767-5000, [www.ots.open.uoguelph.ca](http://www.ots.open.uoguelph.ca)

**January 11-13.** Landscape Ontario Congress.  
Toronto, ON, [www.locongress.com](http://www.locongress.com)

**January 11-15.** Sports Turf Managers Association 22nd Annual Conference & Exhibition. Austin, TX, [www.stma.org](http://www.stma.org)  
Note: STA members can register at STMA member rates!

**January 12-14.** Ontario Golf Superintendents Association.  
Ontario Golf Course Management Conference and Trade Show  
Windsor, ON, [www.golfsupers.on.ca](http://www.golfsupers.on.ca)

**January 31-February 25.** University of Guelph Turf Managers' Short Course.  
Guelph, ON, 519-767-5000, <http://tmisc.open.uoguelph.ca>

**February 23 & 24. Ontario Turfgrass Symposium: On the Cutting Edge.**  
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**February 23. Sports Turf Association Annual General Meeting.**  
University of Guelph, Guelph, ON (during the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium)  
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**March 4-8.** Canadian Golf Superintendents Association & the Western Canada Turfgrass Association Canadian International Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show  
Vancouver, BC, Info: [www.golfsupers.com](http://www.golfsupers.com), [www.wctaturf.com](http://www.wctaturf.com)

If you have an industry-related event you'd like publicized, contact Lee at 519-763-9431, [info@sportsturfassociation.com](mailto:info@sportsturfassociation.com).

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## Continuing Success Year After Year...

Kent McVittie, Commissioner of Community Services for the City of Cambridge, together with STA Director Bob Kennedy, welcomed attendees to the Hespeler Beehive Hall/Optimist Park for the Sports Turf Association Field Day on September 23. The event, now in its twenty-third year, attracted more than two hundred sports turf professionals, students and suppliers to the industry. In the words of one enthusiastic participant, "Great food! Excellent speakers, supplier showcase and field demos. Thanks!" We couldn't have said it better ourselves.



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