

Ottawa Valley Turf Association

2018 Year-end Report

On behalf of the Ottawa Valley Turf Association and the entire Board of Directors, I would like to thank the OGSA for giving us this platform to provide a brief summary of our 2018 season.

Our year started off with our annual winter conference which was held in late January. The past several years, including 2018, we have seen continued growth at the conference, both in terms of attendees as well as exhibitor support and trade show booths. We all took in excellent education from Tom Hsuiang of the University of Guelph and Katie Dodson from Olds College. The conference is always a great time to mingle with our peers and debrief on the year before, as well as share some laughs and hear about new products out on the trade show floor.

In July we held our annual Summer Field day tournament at the beautiful Kanata Golf & Country Club. We were overwhelmed with the participation of members in what was a very challenging summer to get away from the golf course. Of course, the day of the tournament was no exception, extremely hot and humid. Fortunately for us, we had Triple Bogey as one of our sponsors, so cooling off with a beverage and getting to hit a few balls at a wonderful course made the weather less of a factor.

When October rolls around the OVTA partners with the OVTRF to host the Ottawa Valley research tournament. This year's tournament was held at the historic Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club, which was fantastically conditioned and a real treat for our membership to enjoy. The funds raised from this tournament go to support local research headed up by the OVTRF committee. The OVTRF also donates money to larger research associations to help fund bigger projects.

As this year wraps up, we are busy prepping for our 2019 winter conference being held January 22 and 23 with Frank Rossi and Bill Kreuser as our main speakers.

We wish everyone a safe and happy winter. It's always a great chance to get away from the course and spend some much needed time with family and loved ones.