

# Equipment Technician's Program

- Includes morning Trade Show Pass
- Includes Lunch: On the Trade Show Floor
- Includes: Four hours of class time.

## **1:00 – 1:30 Welcome and Update on the Turf Equipment Technician Apprenticeship Program – Warren Wybenga, Donalda Club**

Warren Wybenga is the Turf Equipment Manager at the Donalda Club, and author of *On the Reel Side of Things* in the OGSA publication *Green is Beautiful*. He will be chairing the Technicians program, and will be bringing technicians up to date on the state of the TET apprentice program. All delegates are encouraged to attend this portion of the day, as this program could be a valuable resource for the entire turf industry.

## **1:30 – 2:00 Chainsaw Maintenance – Darryl James, Arborturf Solutions**

The chainsaw is one of those tools that people expect to function perfectly in spite of the fact that the last thing it cut was a stump that was 50% dirt and rock. Darryl James will show the technicians what they can do to keep this much abused and ignored piece of equipment running properly on the day it's needed.

## **2:00 – 2:30 Sprayer Maintenance – Wray Mason, Precision Turf Technologies**

With new rules surrounding IPM, keeping the sprayer in proper working order isn't just a good idea, it's the law.

## **2:30 – 3:00 Irrigation Systems – Turf Care Irrigation (TBA)**

Most equipment technicians will find themselves involved in the maintenance and installation of heads, valves, river crossings, and the pumphouse - especially the fall blow out. Many technicians have asked for an overview of how these increasingly complex systems operate, and what routine maintenance ought to be built into the course program.

## **3:00 – 5:00 Keynote Speaker “Oh The Troubles I’ve Seen” – Steve Duesbury, Course mechanic and instructor at Fanshawe College.**

Steve was born into a tractor dealership – his grandfather had one, and his father had another. He has spent over twenty years as a golf course mechanic, a mechanic for Podolinsky Turf Equipment, part of the Turf Care sales force, and most recently as an instructor in Landscape Equipment Technology at Fanshawe College in London. He's still a working Golf Course Technician today, and through his various experiences, has seen a lot of equipment fail and be repaired. Steve will present concrete working knowledge gleaned from years of experience. Topics will include everything from batteries to hydraulic systems, fuel to fires, and greens mowers to fertilizer spreaders.