



June 2007

Upcoming Events in the Ottawa Chapter:

Ottawa Golf Tournament Aug 22
 10:45 Lunch; 12 noon shotgun start, 6pm dinner
 Canadian Golf & CC

Fall /Winter Events:

October Chapter Meeting Oct 16
 RA Centre, 10 am-12 noon

November Chapter Meeting Nov 20
 RA Centre, 10 am-12 noon

January Chapter Meeting Jan 15
 RA Centre, 10am-12 noon

GreenTrade Expo 2008 Feb 13
 Lansdowne Park, 9am-4pm

You Deserve Golf!

You deserve a half-day off this summer! Where better to take a break than at the third annual Ottawa Chapter golf tournament? The tournament will be held at the Canadian golf club in Ashton Ontario on **Wednesday, August 22.**

The day begins at 10:45 a.m. with lunch at the club. Shotgun start is 12 noon. A fabulous dinner will follow at 6 p.m. at



the Canadian Golf and Country Club

restaurant. It will be a great day of golf and an evening full of fun, prizes and networking.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. You can become the title sponsor, lunch sponsor, hole sponsor or even sponsor one of our fun trophies. Each is a great way to keep your company name top of mind when your clients are making buying decisions. Choose the impact and exposure you want to suit your budget... call Patrick Charest at (613) 821-0898 ext 230 to find out what opportunities remain.

Register soon-only 100 golfers can be accepted.



Use the form attached with this newsletter to reserve your spot today. Prices are the same as last year -- \$130 per golfer or \$500 for a foursome. For more information contact Alison Delaney at 613-821-0898, or e-mail her at alaney@permacon.ca. This is one day you will not want to miss!

One Good Reason to Enroll Apprentices NOW

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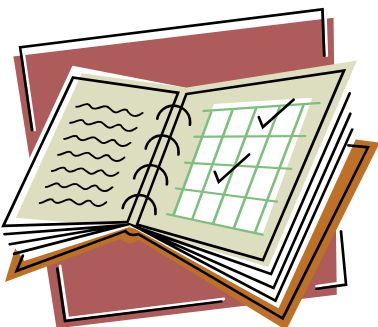
Have you got any staff who could be interested in the Horticultural Technician Apprenticeship Program? Don't wait until Fall to register! Spring is the time to look into Apprenticeship for one very good reason: as soon as an employee is registered for Apprenticeship, any hours they work will start counting towards completing the required 5,400 hours of on-the-job training. In other words, their hours can start counting now, and they can accumulate 1000 or more of the

required hours even before they begin the in-class portion of the training which begins this winter. The Apprenticeship Program is a win-win situation for employers and employees. Here are some key elements:
 - an apprenticeship candidate must complete an application form, submit Grade 12 (OSD) transcripts, be a resident of Ontario, and be employed in the horticultural sector.
 - the candidate and employer must meet with a representative

of the ministry, who will ensure that the employer has the ability to train and educate the employee, and that the employee wants to make a serious commitment to the program.
 - once the candidate is enrolled into the Horticultural Technician Apprenticeship, they need to complete 5,400 hours of on-the-job training and two levels of in-school training taken a year apart (8 weeks + 12 weeks = 600 hours)

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Fall Meeting Dates Announced



With the exception of the chapter Golf tournament on August 22nd, the Ottawa Chapter of LO does not have any formal meetings through the summer. But rest assured that your chapter board of directors continues to meet regularly to look after the business of the industry – working on education, certifications, GreenTrade Expo, labour issues, and more.

Mark Your Calendars!

The dates for our upcoming

season of meetings have been chosen:

Tuesday October 16th, 10 am

Tuesday November 20th, 10 am

Tuesday January 15th, 10 am

All meetings are at the RA Centre on Riverside Drive in Ottawa, and the speakers for these meetings will be announced shortly. The date and location of the February chapter meeting will also be announced soon, along with our full calendar of educational events.

Summer: Heat Exhaustion Dangers



Safety First

Heat exhaustion is sneaky in that the person that has it doesn't necessarily realize they do.

Keep an eye on fellow workers for symptoms of weakness, headache, nausea, vomiting and act quickly in rehydrating.

Prevention includes drinking lots of water during the hot spells. Slightly increase salt in-

take as profuse sweating rids the body of salt.

Consider adjusting work hours to avoid strenuous work in the hottest time of the day.

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Register Apprentices NOW!

It is important to note that EI benefits (including limited accommodation and travel subsidies) may be available to employees during in-school periods. A small loan of up to \$300 is also available to help apprentices purchase tools.

After registration and the successful completion of the above, the candidate is granted a Certificate of Apprenticeship. The apprentice is then able to write the government exam. This is a multiple-choice questionnaire of 125

questions. The passing mark is 70% and the successful candidate obtains their Certificate of Qualification.

In-school training includes units on: Workplace Safety and Communications, Soil Biology, Plant Science, Turf Management, Plant Identification and Installation, Plant Material, Trade Calculations, Landscape Construction, Pest Control, Landscape Equipment Maintenance, Plant Production and Propagation, Irrigation, Site

Ottawa & UC Boards work towards a local CHT site

Your local Ottawa and Upper Canada boards have been working hard to bring a Certified Horticultural Technician (CHT) site to Eastern Ontario. We have been steadily working towards this goal for 3 years, and we have never been closer. A date could be as soon as Fall 07-Spring 08.

If you or any of your employees are interested, please call and leave your name at our office at (613) 796-5156 and we will call you with full details when the date has been chosen. Follow this link for more information: <http://www.horttrades.com/c?c=159>

The Ottawa Chapter held another successful WHMIS session on May 30th. Sheila James of the Farm Safety Association, who facilitated this training, reminded everyone that WHMIS training is required **yearly** by law for all employees. Not only does it save lives and reduce injuries (= time off work and WSIB claims), but it has reduced WSIB rates drastically in the last couple of years. This has translated into MILLIONS of dollars saved by companies in the industry. Keep training those employees! Need help? Call Sheila at (613) 253-7028.

Layout and Grading, Plan Reading and Quantity Takeoff, and First Aid.

Training will be available at Kemptville College, less than 30 minutes from Ottawa. A basic level class will run from late November 2007 to January 2008. An advanced class will run from January to March 2008.

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