



# EASTERN VALLEY

REGIONAL SOIL AND CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## Message from the Chairman

*The 2007 cropping season is coming to an end and farmers are busy finishing their fall tillage in preparation for next year. Soil preparation after harvest, including fertilizer or lime application where there is a need to optimize the next crop, will save time next spring. Soil testing at this time of year, is also a very good practice.*

*At this time, farmers are asking themselves if the choices they made in 2007 were the right ones. It is always difficult to predict what kind of crop is for your own use on the farm, for cattle, etc., or whether you intend to re-sell at your local grain elevator, to other farmers, or set up special contracts for specialty crops.*

*Over the next few months you will have the opportunity to review your 2008 planning intent. Carefully look at the different varieties of corn, wheat and soybean that you would like to plant on your farm. Final decisions should always be made on the best information available for certain crops. Questions to ask yourself: Are your objectives in tune with your farm crop rotations or requirements? What is the best price I can obtain for a particular crop? What is the cost of production to grow a certain crop? Can sell the crop easily, and is it suitable to grow in my area and on my farm?*

*It is apparent that options and challenges farmers encounter each year is not an easy task. Farming is a very demanding profession that requires many skills and a great deal of knowledge.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family continued success, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Réjean Pommerville  
Chairman  
Eastern Valley Soil and Crop Improvement Association*



**Next newsletter  
deadline is  
March 14, 2008**

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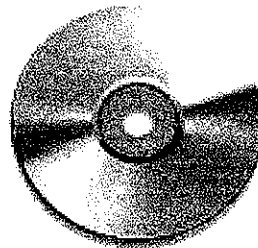
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AND CROPS

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**DUNDAS SOIL & CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL MEETING - 2007**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007**

**CHESTERVILLE LEGION HALL**

**Agenda**

- 9:15 a.m.     **Registration – 2008 membership - \$20.00**  
Coffee and donuts (sponsored by Business Memberships)
- 9:45 a.m.     **Welcome - Charles Farlinger, President**  
**Field Crop Project Reports - Gilles Quesnel**  
**Nutrient Management Act - Phyllis MacMaster**  
**Environmental Farm Plan – Arlene Ross**  
**DSCIA Bus Trip Report - John Roosendaal**  
**OSCIA Report - Alan Kruszel**
- 11:30 a.m.     **Annual Meeting**
- Minutes of Dec. 5/06 Meeting
  - DSCIA Financial Report
  - Appointment of Auditor
  - Nominating Committee Report for new directors
  - Elections
  - New Business - Resolutions for OSCIA Annual Meeting
- 12:00           **Lunch - \$10.00 per person for a full hot dinner (60 dinners have been reserved). To reserve yours, please contact Eunice Johnston at 774-5063 or e-mail [eunice@theotherplace.ca](mailto:eunice@theotherplace.ca) by December 1, 2007**
- 12:45           **Presentation of Forage Masters Awards – Alan Kruszel**  
**Presentation of High Yield Competition Winners – Garry Brugmans**
- 1:00 p.m.       **Pierre Lanoie, Technology Development Representative, Monsanto**  
**“New developments coming down the Monsanto pipeline”**
- 1:30 p.m.       **Arden Schneckenburger – Update on Provincial Grain and Oil Seeds Program**  
**- RMP and other programs in the works.**
- 1:45 p.m.       **Luke Geleyse – owner of Terravis Wind Energy Inc., will detail opportunities that exist to supplement farm income through wind and solar energy.**
- 2:10 p.m.       **Award Presentations: - John L. DeVries**
- Dundas Farmer of the Year (Eric Casselman Award)
  - Award of Merit
  - Soil & Water Conservation Award
  - The Innovative Farmer Award
- 3:00 p.m.       **Adjournment**

**The Planning Meeting for 2008 is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at Winchelsea Farms, County Rd. 31, Winchester.**

# GLENGARRY SOIL AND CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## *ANNUAL MEETING*

Thursday, January 10, 2008  
Alexandria Restaurant  
127 Main Street South, Alexandria, ON

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### Agenda

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| 9:30 a.m.  | Registration - 2008 membership - \$20.00  |
| 10:00 a.m. | Approval of Agenda<br>President's report<br>Minutes of 2006 Annual meeting<br>Treasurer's report<br>Nomination of Auditor<br>New business - Resolutions for OSCIA Annual Mtg. |
| 10:30 a.m. | Nominating Committee report<br>Ottawa Valley Seed Growers<br>OSCIA report - Alan Kruszel<br>Environmental Farm Plan - Lyall MacLachlan  |
| 11:00 a.m. | Gilles Quesnel, OMAF Crops Specialist   |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch   |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Presentations: Award of Merit<br>Soil Conservation Award  |
| 1:30 p.m.  | Guest speaker   |

**Association pour l'amélioration des sols et récoltes  
du comté de Prescott**

**Prescott County Soil and Crop Improvement Association**

15 novembre 2007

L'Assemblée annuelle des membres aura lieu au **Club de golf Ridgewood, Fournier (Ontario)**

**mardi le 11 décembre 2007 de 10:00 a.m. à 3:00 p.m.**

Nous comptons sur la participation de tous les membres à cette assemblée

November 15, 2007

The annual meeting for all members will be held at the **Ridgewood Golf Club, Fournier (Ontario)**

**on Tuesday December 11, 2007 from 10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.**

We hope that all members will be able to attend the meeting

*En esperant vous voir!*

*We look forward to seeing you!*



*Season's Greetings*

**ASSOCIATION POUR L'AMÉLIORATION DES SOLS ET RÉCOLTES  
COMTÉ DE RUSSELL**

***Le 19 novembre 2007***

***Chers membres:***

***Je suis heureux de vous inviter à notre assemblée annuelle qui se tiendra le 3 décembre 2007 à 10h00 à la salle des Chevaliers de Colomb à Embrun. Téléphonez à votre voisin ou à un ami, il est le bienvenue.***

***Au plaisir de vous voir en grand nombre le 3 décembre prochain.***

***Claude Lepage  
Président***

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**RUSSELL COUNTY SOIL & CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

***November 19, 2007***

***Dear Members:***

***I am pleased to invite you to our annual meeting to be held December 3, 2007 at 10:00 am at the Knights of Columbus hall in Embrun. Bring your neighbour or a friend..***

***I look forward to seeing you on the 3rd.***

***Claude Lepage  
President***



# Stormont Soil and Crop Improvement Association

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## THE 2007 Stormont Soil & Crop Team

**President-** David Zummach, **PPres-** Henry TePlate **Vice-President -** vacant  
**Annual Mtg,** Alan Kruszel, Henry TePlate  
**Farm Fair** Stormont, Cornwall- Bernard Grady, Murray Dunbar, Glen Canham  
**Seed Show / Farm Safety-** Michel Glaude, Henry TePlate, David Z. **Forage Masters-** Barry Smith  
**OVSS Director-** Jeff Waldroff **EVSCI Directors (2)** Henry TePlate, Alan Kruszel  
**Provincial Director-** Alan Kruszel  
**Environmental Farm Plan Program Rep-** Barbara-Ann Glaude;  
**Workshop Coordinator-** Rene Lalonde;  
**Peer Review Committee-** Michel Glaude, Brian Powell, Kenda TePlate

The annual meeting is being planned for January 2007. Tentative dates would be January 10 or 11. Stay tuned for the date and place TBA.

If you have gotten an email address or changed your email address, just email BAGlaude at the above email address to be on the SSCIA email list.

Just a reminder to all members to keep some samples of the crops you are harvesting, so you have step 1 done in getting your entries ready for the Seed and Forage Show in March 2008.

You now have the opportunity to renew your 2008 membership, please take a moment to do so you do not miss out on Breaking Ground and SSCIA activities. Membership amount is \$15.00. Check your envelope label. If it does not have 2008, you are not up-to-date for 2008. SSCIA thanks all those who continue to support SSCIA. Membership cards will be distributed which will give a reduced rate to certain Soil and Crop activities at the local, regional and provincial levels.

## Stormont Soil and Crop Improvement Association Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Civic Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Used within county to quickly send out info)

Information requested by Ontario SCIA to better serve:

Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheque payable to: **Stormont S&C Imp. Ass.**  
Send to: SSCIA c/o Barbara-Ann Glaude

**Need someone to talk to?**



**Confidential/anonymous**

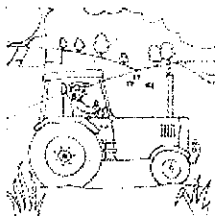
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**For Ontario farmers and rural families**

**On line resources**

**Check out the updated web page at:**

**[www.thefarmline.ca](http://www.thefarmline.ca)**



**Field Crop issues or questions?**

**Contact Cropline at:**

**1-888-449-0937**

**OMAFRA crops webpage:**

**[www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/index/html](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/index/html)**

**To view IFAP 2006 activities go to:**

**[www.ifap.org/en/newsroom/news/html](http://www.ifap.org/en/newsroom/news/html)**

## Info Source

Keep up to date on Soil and Crop events across the province by joining the listserve. For information visit: [www.ontariosoilcrop.org](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org).

Nutrient Management Training courses: Cost \$25.00 – includes lunch and refreshment for one and two day courses. To register call the Nutrient Management Information Line: 1-866-242-4460 or visit [www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/nm/cert/courses.htm](http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/nm/cert/courses.htm)

Ontario Pesticide Education Program, Ridgetown College, University of Guelph. Phone: 1-800-652-8573 or 519-674-1580 Fax 519-674-1589 or Email: [opep@ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca](mailto:opep@ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca) You may also visit the website at: [www.ridgetownc.on.ca/OPEP/GrowerTraining/courses.htm](http://www.ridgetownc.on.ca/OPEP/GrowerTraining/courses.htm).

Latest information from the Ontario Forage Council at [www.ontarioforagecouncil.com](http://www.ontarioforagecouncil.com)

Crop-Pest Ontario can be found at [www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/crops/field/news/#croppest](http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/crops/field/news/#croppest)

"Programs and services for Ontario Farmers" – a factsheet that gives a short overview and the contact locations for the many programs available. To view <http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/busdev/facts/04-051.htm>

The Resources Management Branch has updated information on the Environmental webpage of the OMAFRA website. It now reflects many of the new local incentives that are in place with new municipal, Great Lakes and other funding through Conservation Authorities and Stewardship Councils. <http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/environment/water/cleanwaterincentives.htm>

National BSE Repositioning Strategy - Set-Aside Programs - for either the Fed Cattle Set-aside program or the Feeder Cattle Set-aside program call 1-888-292-5856 for the details.

BSE Helpline (Advice from OMAFRA specialists) call 1-888-292-5856

## Membership

### Benefits of Soil and Crop membership in 2008

⇒ Free admission to Outdoor Farm Show mailed to members

⇒ Newsletters, crop tours, plot participation and discussion, annual meeting with special speakers

### For more information contact your local SCIA

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Russell	Rachelle Chabot	613-443-2066