

ONTARIO REPORT
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The fluctuating temperatures continue to be a source of discussion across the province this spring. Above normal temperatures combined with the lack of snow this year has allowed Superintendents access to their courses much earlier than customary years. A few courses have already opened their doors for play, perhaps the earliest opening dates ever. Initial reports around the province indicate that most courses wintered well with minimal damage to the turf.

Health and Safety on golf courses is a vital and compulsory portion of your operation. Recently, a bulletin was issued stating that a blitz will be carried out by the Ministry of Labour targeting golf courses specifically to employee training and recording of sign off sheets. As a reminder, please have your records and health and safety boards up to date in the event of an unexpected visit.

The first provincial event is fast approaching with the Can Am Challenge taking place on May 9 at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. All are welcome to attend as Canada will attempt to defend the cup.

This is a rejuvenating time of year for Superintendents as the start of the season arises with continued optimism for each course. All the best to the start of your season.