

## **ALBERTA REPORT**

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Fall is in the air in Alberta and the leaves are changing and starting to fall, as the golf season starts to wind down. Many of the courses in and around Calgary look at the Thanksgiving Weekend as their last before winter preparations. The Mountain courses around Canmore and Banff have already had a dump of snow as they also hope to make it to the holiday weekend. In the Edmonton and surrounding area it looks like the 25<sup>th</sup> is the consensus for last day of golf. That sentiment is echoed in the south and southeast although a few courses will try to push to stay open till Halloween.

Congrats to R.J. Cloutier and the staff at Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge for hosting an outstanding and sold out Fall Field Day. Once again Jasper showed why it is one of those bucket list areas that you must experience. Congrats to Kyle Sobczak, Assistant at Lynx Ridge on winning the Championship with a stellar score of 70. Congratulations also go out to Keith Blayney of the Edmonton Petroleum G&CC who received his Superintendent of the Year Award at the FFD awards banquet. Thanks to the AGSA who hosted their fall meeting and a welcome reception to kick off the event on Sunday. We want to extend special well wishes to Barb Alexander, who will retire this fall from her Executive Director position with the AGSA. Of note out of the AGSA meetings in Jasper, they have adopted the CGSA Environmental Policies as the framework for Environment Planning.

New this year, the Monday featured a Par 3 Tournament of 18 holes. This was a huge hit and was also sold out! Tuesday was Championship day and playing this historic Stanley Thompson design is always a treat, we look forward to making it back there in the not too distant future. Speaking of the future, we are very excited about next year's FFD at the Royal Montreal GC, it's sure to be another great event.

The FFD was also site of extensive meetings regarding the re-developing of the CGSA. Dr.Don Barclay led the meetings about the feedback received from members over the summer. Meetings also took place with the

Provincial organizations; everyone on the board is really excited about the change that will be forthcoming and unveiled in Toronto at the CGCM conference. Don't forget our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CGCM conference dates, January 11-15.

Another Alberta tradition is right around the corner, the AGSA 's Property Manager's Conference will once again be held in Canmore from Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. All the best to Conference Chair Brad Eshpeter, as he puts the final touches on what looks to be a great event.