

ONTARIO REPORT

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Once again, the weather has been unpredictable in most Ontario regions this winter. Record breaking warm temperatures in December actually kick started the turf to grow on various golf courses. January and February have also not been kind to turf as periods of freeze/thaw cycles have been occurring. It may be another interesting spring in Ontario.

The CGSA, in conjunction with the OGSA, held its annual Canadian Golf Course Management Conference from January 12-14 in Toronto. With over 1,000 delegates and associates in attendance, the conference was an impressive success. Special congratulations to all national and provincial awards winners presented at the CGSA/OGSA awards luncheon.

This is the time of year when IPM reports are due for submission in Ontario. As a reminder, all 2015 IPM desk review documents must be submitted by January 31, 2016, which is now past due. Earlier in 2015, a formal letter was sent to the Ministry of Environment proposing a change to the current public meeting structure for reporting IPM. To date, there has been no response from the Ministry.

There are four provincial events scheduled for the upcoming season;

- Can Am Challenge. May 9. Forest Lakes Country Club, Bloomfield, Mich.
- Pro/Super. June 6. Grand Niagara Golf Club, Niagara Falls.
- Assistant's Tournament. August 23. Brantford Golf and Country Club, Brantford.
- Alex McClumpha Memorial Tournament. October 3. Whitevale Golf Club, Markham.

Enjoy the remainder of the winter and here's wishing favourable turf conditions in the spring.