

MANITOBA REPORT
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Most superintendents and golfers in Manitoba got excited in early March when temperatures started to warm up and the snow began to melt away. Similar to the rest of the prairies, the majority of snow cover was minimal and melted off courses by mid-March, which is a far cry from this time last year which saw some portions of the golf course still covered by 5 feet of snow. Recently areas across the province did receive another couple small accumulations of snow which is close to being gone off the courses by now.

With this winter, there were a lot of concerns with what type of damage some courses were going to experience due to the lack of snow, ice formation and cold wind/temperature desiccation that set in mid-December and into January. From what some superintendents have seen so far it is better than expected. Turf which had been sprayed seemed to come out pretty clean over the winter months, however with the recent cold snap and snow; areas on the course mostly fairways and tees are starting to show signs of some disease popping up. Courses with heavier amounts of Annual Bluegrass seem to be hurting a bit more but there is still a lot of green that can be seen below the yellowed tips. All we need now is a little heat to get things growing.

The MGSA held their annual curling meeting this past March at Rossmere Golf & Country Club which kicks off our monthly event list for the season. A congrats goes out to the winning team of Braydon Gilbert, Jon McMorris, Jon Webster and Joe Witherspoon. The MGSA Board of Directors also hosted a booth at the Annual NGCOA Golf Expo in Winnipeg at the end of March, promoting and providing education to the golfing public about the important role that a Golf Course Superintendent provides to their respectful courses.

I hope everyone has a successful start to the season, and hope to see many of you at the Fall Field Day in Jasper.