

**ONTARIO REPORT**  
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The province got its first stretch of hot, muggy weather this season at the end of July. If you look back on the weather records, these conditions haven't appeared since September 2013, with the summer 2014 temperatures remaining fairly moderate.

There were 4 days that got into the 30's with a high humidex. Everyone was on pythium alert for a few days paying close attention to their watering practices, focusing on plant health. The weather stretch didn't last too long as the start of August hit bringing a mild spell which has remained until the middle of the month making it feel like summer is over.

Lambton Golf Club hosted the OGSA President's Day on July 13th. Superintendent Peter Kinch prepared his recently redesigned Rees Jones course to teams of Club Presidents, Directors and Superintendents. Once again it was a top notch event.

My time is drawing to a close for gathering initial feedback in Ontario from superintendents, assistants, technicians and company reps on the CGSA redesign. Meetings generated many ideas for consideration for the CGSA Board going forward. Thanks to all those who provided their individual feedback. Don Barclay will receive all comments by the middle of August, in time to review and analyse the feedback for the Provincial Round-table at our National Field Day and Golf Championship late September in Jasper.

The first formal CGSA Redesign meeting was held with the OGSA board. OGSA President John McLinden presented a report prepared by the Board with consensus on the OGSA's position on the questions asked of various provincial groups across the country. A copy of the report has been posted on the OGSA website. Three other small meetings were arranged with a collection of small groups of Superintendents and Assistant Superintendent as well.

The OGSA Assistant's Tournament is scheduled to be held this year on Monday August 17th at Mill Run Golf Club. OGSA Director Rod Speake is the host Superintendent at Mill Run with Jeff Hewitt, Assistant Superintendent.

The OTRF annual fundraising tournament is scheduled to be held this year on Monday August 24th at Thornhill Golf & Country Club. This is another one of the premiere events of the season. Be sure to join industry turf professionals and support turfgrass research in Ontario.