

QUEBEC REPORT

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Spring is coming very fast in some parts of the province. The island of Montreal and eastern townships regions had very little snow this winter and with the great weather we have experienced over the past couple of weeks, golf courses have been baring off rapidly. This in turn meant less work to remove the covers than previous years. However this is not the case for everyone. Quebec City and surrounding areas, Laurentians as well as areas North of Montreal still have a lot of snow to contend with. When Montreal was getting rain, northern and eastern areas were accumulating more snow. We at Summerlea, have removed all green covers and they are looking very good. Fairways have cleared of snow and heavy ice and to my amazement they are in great shape. This seems to be the consensus for golf courses around the area which is great news for those that have had a couple of bad springs. Over the next two weeks most courses will have removed their covers or at least been able to see their golf courses. We are all excited to begin a new season.

It was wonderful to see the 25 % reduction in price of the CGSA membership dues. CGSA is committed to offer value to its members. As a result of the focus groups, this reduction is only one of many new initiatives the board is implementing. Our plan is starting to take shape and I hope everyone is as excited as we, board members, are.

Preparations are already under way for Quebec to host the Fall Field Day at the Royal Montreal Golf Club in October 2016. More information will be made available as plans are finalized. This should be a very exciting tournament.

I would like to take a moment to mention the recipients of two very important awards presented at the Golf Summit in December: The Roger Baccichet award (QGSA superintendent of the year) presented to Jacques Lessard. Jacques was on the board of the QGSA when I joined. He was a great leader of the QGSA and continues to be a leader in the golf community. Congratulations Jacques! The QGSA's Distinguished Service Award was presented to Randy Scott of Mystic Pines Golf Club. Randy has been a leader in the golf industry for many years. He oversaw the construction of two golf courses and worked at some of the highest quality golf courses in Quebec. Randy has generously shared his knowledge and expertise with many assistants that have gone on to be superintendents across the country. Congratulations Randy!

I wish everyone a great Spring!