

ALBERTA REPORT
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The Stanley Cup series is about to begin to start June off and golf courses in the province have been in full operation and some since mid-March. The nice weather has continued for the most of the province. In general most courses are finding it hard to believe the amount of water that continues to be needed for the time of year.

The first AGSA meeting will be held this month on June 8 at the Derrick Golf & Winter Club in Edmonton with host superintendent Darryl Maxwell. Guest speaker will be Jeff Mingay, of Mingay Design, who recently completed the redesign of the Derrick Golf & Winter Club.

Edmonton & Area

Mr. Mike Stewart, from Wolf Creek Golf Resort reports, the early start to the season has been welcomed for the area. Those in the area that dealt with ice in December have had decent recovery to date. Even with cooler overnight temperatures where frosts days are more common than no frost days. Mike reports that this has been one of the driest springs that superintendents have experienced. And that the cooler over-night temperatures have actually helped with giving the turf a break from the lack of moisture.

Calgary & Area

Garry Haynes, with Play Golf Calgary oversees 2 courses and 54 holes of golf and reports that the down turn with the Oil and Gas industry in the province has not negatively affected the business of golf. There has been minimal disruption to the tee sheet as the weather has been great for golf and golf course maintenance. Garry manages to find time to have some input on a new 36 hole construction project that is currently underway which seems to be a rare opportunity these days.

Southern Alberta

Mr. Duke Webber, reports that this has been the driest spring in 11 years looking after the grounds of the Vulcan Golf & Country Club. The exceptional weather experienced early spring has been continuous to the time of this report. The nice weather has been great and all turf programs that have been implemented. Duke is seeing great results with over-seeding his fairways with a ryegrass and bluegrass blend to see how this mix can compete with the all mighty poa. In general Duke reports the golf engine is running steady with lots of golf being played.

To all the Dads out there, I hope you all get a moment to enjoy your day!