

ONTARIO REPORT

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So far it's been a fantastic fall here in Ontario. Up till the middle of September the weather was unusually mild and felt like the middle of the summer with hot, dry conditions persisting. Not only did the warm weather continue, but so did the dollar spot, forcing some superintendents to live with the damage with their overextended budgets. Full irrigation cycles were occurring, something normally unheard of this time of year.

I'd like to thank the Alberta Golf Superintendents Association (AGSA) for their wonderful hospitality while in Jasper at the CGSA Fall Field Day (FFD) last month. It was once again a memorable event in another beautiful part of the country. The FFD is a great way to see this extraordinary country of ours. Looking forward to moving east next year to play at Royal Montreal!

The business aspect of the Jasper meetings involved some deep discussion and focus at the CGSA board level. Our consultant, Dr. Don Barclay did an excellent job collaborating the findings from this summer's recent

Restructuring the CGSA stakeholder sessions involving over 400 individuals (mostly superintendents) from the golf industry. The first half day involved Don reviewing with the board what was discovered. The next day and a half involved Don's facilitation of shaping a new direction for the CGSA concentrating on the feedback and conclusions brought forward from members and non-members across the country. A foundation for a new direction and focus has been established and the action plan will be more solidified as the board meets face to face again later this fall.

OGSA President John McLinden reports that Niagara Falls has been confirmed as the venue for the 2017 Ontario Golf Course Management Conference with the renewed format with our industry partners. We await for more announcements from OGSA in the near future, on what the exciting new conference program will look like.

The Canadian Golf Course Management Conference being held jointly with the CGSA/OGSA is now just 3 months away January 11-15! Registration has

opened and this year there is no price increase, and the early bird discount is available until the end of October.

Thanks to the members of the Conference Coordinating Committee for helping put this great conference program together. The “pure” education component of the program is second to none! We encourage everyone to participate and not miss out on the opportunity to receive some great education sessions.

Enjoy this great fall weather!