

ALBERTA REPORT
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May 2015 CGSA GreenMatter

The NHL playoffs are well underway, we are approaching Mother's Day weekend and the game of golf has been offered in parts of Alberta since Mid-March. As others across the country read this report I hope this Greenmatter finds all Superintendents off to a manageable start to the 2015 season.

Edmonton & North Report

Mr. Allan Schofield, from the Edmonton Country Club reports an early start to the season about mid April for golf courses. Most courses came through with manageable results and a few have some recovery needed. Turf maintenance and recovery programs were well underway until a foot of snow blanketed Edmonton and area on May 6. A good reminder for us turf managers on how quickly things can change when working with Mother Nature.

Calgary & Area

I will report on the area for May. A common theme for Superintendents in the area has been keeping up with watering turf or keeping their irrigation systems operational. It's hard to believe how much water turf needs this time of year. Since the irrigation start up here at the Glencoe, we put out over 3 million gallons of water over 45 holes in April versus an average of 600,000 gallons for the same month in previous years. In general, turf conditions from all reports seem to be very manageable. Areas needing recovery have started to show improvement and this improvement will only increase when morning frost rarely occur. Some superintendents feel that their properties and turf management programs are 2 to 3 weeks ahead of schedule with the weather we have had.

Southern Alberta

Mr. Mike Hamilton from the Brooks Golf Club reports the early great start for golf and turf has continued for the south. Golf courses are very busy with play which is great for the overall business of golf. Courses in the area are dealing with winds and frost which happen to be more common than not. My Jets are out, so now it's all about the Flames. Go Flames Go!