

It is an honour to be writing this report as President of the Atlantic Golf Superintendents Association. So many dedicated people have come before me and have given so much to our Atlantic association.

This spring has started dry somewhat like last spring. However, we have just had some rain with some more in the forecast. I'm sure we are all hoping for not such a dry May and obviously a drier summer. It sounds like most of the turf has come through the winter in great shape. This always makes for a much easier start to the season. I'm sure like myself many of you are finishing up fall projects before things get too busy. I'm sure we weren't the only ones doing drainage last fall!

Things have been cool here but the warm days seem like they are arriving and are here to stay. Everyone has irrigation up, repaired and starting to run some water. It's always fun to work out the gremlins the first few times you run cycles. Most people I have talked to are getting their wetting agents down and have started applying insect control.

I would like to invite everyone to sign up for the CGSA Summer Shamble at Chester Golf Club. This is a new event put on by CGSA to make more events accessible to members in all regions. It is on Tuesday June 25th and the format is: everyone hits their drive; you take the best one and everyone plays their own ball from there to finish out the hole.

I hope everyone has a great season and also finds time to get away and enjoy the summer!

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