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As the golf season comes to a close on the West Coast, many would likely consider it a more favourable year for growing grass. After enduring high temperatures and prolonged droughts in previous seasons, the timely rainfall in most areas of the province provided much-needed relief, especially in terms of irrigation needs.

While irrigation demands may have been lower, I'm sure we all found other areas to focus our efforts. The continuous drive for improvement of our properties is a common trait among Superintendents, and I commend all of you for the hard work you put in this season.

Hopefully, your efforts were not solely concentrated on growing grass. While that is certainly an important aspect, personal growth is essential for becoming better turf managers, better colleagues, and, most importantly, better individuals for ourselves and those around us. I hope you found time this season to pursue self-improvement in whatever form that may take for you.

As we enter the season of professional development conferences, you will find that most educational tracks extend beyond just growing grass. I encourage you to seek out seminars that explore new areas, such as using technology to enhance efficiency, building a stronger team, and mentoring the next generation of turf managers. That future Superintendent may walk into your office this spring, nervously holding a resume and seeking their first job. You will make the first impression on them regarding the role of a Superintendent and what working at a golf course entails. This is a significant responsibility that can have lasting effects on the success of our industry.

The good news is that you are trained professionals who genuinely enjoy what you do. Your skills and passion will provide that young person with a role model and guide as they begin to choose their career path.

In closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our members for their hard work and dedication to our industry. Your contributions make our association strong and vibrant. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events as we continue working together to advance the profession of golf course maintenance.

Warm regards,

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