

BC Report

Well winter is fast approaching in all parts of the country including BC. Most of the tweets, texts and other correspondence all seem to involve irrigation blowout, aeration, or tarping greens. All of these are sure signs that golf season is all or mostly over, and in most cases they are accompanied with a big sigh of relief. Condolences to our Superintendents in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island who will continue their hard work all year long.

In British Columbia we have been busy hosting golf events. Earlier this summer the Interior region held its Pro-Super Challenge at Black Mountain Golf Course, host Superintendent Barry Skabar. The course was fabulous, my golf once again was not. Barry had the course in fabulous shape and a good time was had by all. More recently the Province held its annual Exchange Tournament in the Kootenay region at Copper Point Golf Club, host Superintendent Mike Knowles. I was unable to attend this event but I understand it was well attended and the course was also in incredible condition. Congratulations to Barry and Mike for hosting these two great events.

In the coming soon section, the BCGSA is putting the final touches on the Professional Development Days being held at The Ocean Point Resort in Victoria, BC. The speaker lineup looks fantastic and I for one am looking forward to attending this outstanding event. Dean Piller, AGS and Miranda Robinson always put together a great show.

Also coming soon to a conference facility near Vancouver the CGSA will be hosting the annual Canadian Golf Course Management Conference in Vancouver at The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver and Conference Center, February 22-24, 2023. Staff and the conference committee are busy putting the final speaker list together but the CGSA always hits a home run on this event. Heartfelt thank you to my conference committee volunteers, Graeme Douglas – St Eugene Mission, Dain Mikiluc – Marine Drive Golf, Jenn Rozek – Shuswap Lake Estates, TJ Creamer, AGS – Olympic View Golf, and Geoff Funk – Prince George Golf, all of whom have already contributed to help make this another great CGSA conference. Stay tuned for more details.

Finally, I'd like to give a big thank you to the CGSA, staff and Board. As the air of uncertainty around my future looms these could be my last few months of eligibility on the board. The friendships I've made, the ability to contribute in the shaping of events and the association, and the ability to attend some of the most awesome events makes the work so worthwhile. I will never forget my time here.

Have an awesome winter.

Sincerely,

Ken Bruniski, AGS – BC Director, CGSA