

Regional Report- January

After the extremely wet and rainy summer season in the Atlantic provinces many superintendents couldn't wait for the snow to fly. That being said, the fall weather was relatively favourable and fall projects were in full swing. As you can imagine, drainage was a priority on a lot of peoples lists. Most areas didn't, and as of the first of January, still haven't received any amount of permanent snow cover. This allowed those fall projects to continue well into December.

The Atlantic Association had their Christmas dinners in NS, NB and PEI. They were well attended as always. It was a great chance to reflect with our peers on an unusual and tough season while enjoying the start of the holidays.

We are pleased to welcome another new face to our area. Emerson Coulter has accepted the Superintendent Position at KenWo Golf Club, in the Annapolis Valley, in Nova Scotia.

Our Atlantic Turfgrass Conference is in Halifax in mid-February. This is always a well attended event. Hopefully with the Canadian Conference in Montreal, Atlantic members will take advantage of the easier travel and attend that as well.

Most clubs have settled into their winter projects and preparing for next season. It's the season of long walks on the course often thinking about what more you could have done. Always try to celebrate the accomplishments of the crew and enjoy the walks and use the time to reset and make plans for the coming year.

I look forward to welcoming everyone to the South Shore of Nova Scotia and the beautiful Chester Basin for the Summer Shamble at Chester Golf Club in June.

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