

## **CGSA Regional Report (Alberta)**

It is an honour to join the CGSA Board of Directors and I am excited to work with this great group of people that comprise the CGSA Board. I would like to formally congratulate Dustin Zdan, AGS on his appointment to Vice President as well as on his new role as Golf Course Superintendent of Black Hawk Golf Club. I look forward to attempting to fill your shoes as Alberta Director, albeit big shoes to fill.

For those that do not know me, I have had the privilege of being the Golf Course Superintendent at Carnmoney Golf Club since 2019 and have worked in the golf industry for over 20 years. Away from the course I am blessed with a wonderful wife (Carmen), three beautiful girls (Harlee, Torrey, Cobie) and we are expecting our 4<sup>th</sup> in August.

Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow. That was the theme of the Alberta spring. Fortunate for most, many are reporting that their courses have come out quite well with little disease, however due to the cold spring those that have a mixed stand of grass are seeing that annual bluegrass is not loving life very much. Now that May has hit, and heat is on its way, most courses have managed to get open. 2021 saw courses here in Alberta, as with most of the country, set records for rounds for a second year in a row. As it is for many, we are hopeful the restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic are behind us and we return to a world with a little more familiarity. Let's hope that the positive trend of golf enthusiasts continue to keep up the game, but just maybe, a tiny bit of a reprieve to allow the turf to recover a bit more in those high stress areas.

Here in Alberta, the AGSA have events already scheduled. The Spring Meeting will take place at the scenic Sturgeon Valley Golf & Country Club just outside St. Albert on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Association members are sure to come out in flocks as this is one of the hidden gems in the province for sure. The AGSA Challenge Cup is scheduled to once again take place at Copper Point Resort on July 17-19. The AGSA Championship will be held at Medicine Hat Golf & Country Club on August 8<sup>th</sup>, where both the Low Gross and Low Net winners will receive entry into the CGSA Fall Field Day at Southwood Golf & Country Club in Winnipeg on September 20<sup>th</sup>. AGSA's Fall Meeting will take place at The Winston Golf Club in Calgary on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

I wish everyone across the country a great start to the 2022 season. Be proud of what you provide to the million plus golf enthusiasts in Canada. It is easy to be consumed by the demands of our jobs, but it is important to take time for yourself throughout the season.

All the best!

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Alberta Director