

Atlantic Report

Winter has finally set in across all of the Atlantic Provinces. Much like a lot of the country, it was late coming and temperatures have been fluctuating more than normal. A lot of my region was still bare into mid to late January and some areas even later. That has resulted in not as many Superintendents concerned about ice as there have been the past few winters. Many clubs were still working on projects late into the year because of the lack of snow cover.

The hurricane clean-up continues with many courses having extensive tree loss. It has been a challenge to get harvesters in because there was minimal frost in the ground. The areas hardest hit were the central region of PEI and the north shore of Nova Scotia down through Truro to Halifax. It is a concern for us on the east coast that these storms are becoming more frequent. They arrive in the fall when staff is limited and can disrupt regular winter preparation.

We had our regional conference and recognized Sue Crawford as our Jack Fairhurst Superintendent of the Year. Sue works at Brightwood Golf Club in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. We also recognized Leon Harvey with our Blake Palmer Distinguished Service Award.

We are currently in a cold snap but the consensus is that when it breaks it won't be back and we could be in for an early spring.

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