

Ontario Regional Report- November 3, 2023

The 2023 golf season is drawing to a close in Ontario. Golf courses across the province are in various stages of winter preparation. As it typically does, the weather kept things interesting during 2023 as it swung from one extreme to the other. The prevailing opinion is that it was a wet year. However, despite the weather, interest in golf remains strong, as preliminary reports indicate that the number of rounds played is equal to or greater than last season.

The CGSA hosted its Fall Field Day at Beacon Hall, in Aurora, Ontario on September 19th which received very positive reviews from all those in attendance. A special thanks to Colin Young and his team for hosting us for the day. The OGSA also held their second annual OGSA Championship on September 25th & 26th in Muskoka. Participants had a great time playing Deerhurst Highlands and Muskoka Bay Golf Clubs. Thank you to host superintendents Andrew Nieder and Chris Goodman for their hospitality.

As we wrap up the year, conference season is just around the corner. The Canadian Golf Course Management Conference is in Montreal this coming off-season from February 27-29th. The theme of this year's conference is *The Green Path to Success Best Management Practices for Golf Course Management*. It is going to be a great conference. If you have not already done so, please take a few moments to register for the conference. I look forward to seeing you there.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of John Bladon. He was a colleague, mentor, and friend to many in the turf industry in Ontario and across Canada. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Sabrina Bladon and family during this difficult time. John's presence in our industry will be missed.

I wish everyone all the best as you wrap up the 2023 season. I look forward to seeing you all this off-season at industry events and conferences.

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