

March Regional Report- Atlantic

After a cold stretch and a few ice events, winter is starting to break up in most of Atlantic Canada. Some clubs are removing snow to expose ice, but some are letting nature take its course.

Conference season is over and as always it seems like travel was a challenge for many. The Canadian in Niagara was a huge success with great attendance. Having never been to Niagara myself, it was a great venue. Thank you to the suppliers for their great support at the trade show and to the delegates for the always packed rooms for the speaker line up. Our local Atlantic Turfgrass Conference was also a huge success and just keeps growing.

Here in Atlantic Canada, clubs that did have winter staff in are finishing up those winter projects. I'm sure others are like me with staff trickling into Turf Care anxious to get back to work. With the way things look in my area I'm sure we will be on track for a late April opening date, which is typical for us.

In the Atlantic Region we honoured Erik MacPherson (Abercrombie Golf Club) with the AGSA Jack Fairhurst Superintendent of the Year. We Also honoured Merlin Affleck (Stanhope Golf Course) with the Blake Palmer Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations to both deserving individuals.

Rain is falling here today and it's nine degrees, so we are headed in the right direction. Best of luck this spring!

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