

CGSA Report – AGSA June 2019

It has been a busy time for all the golf courses as spring brought some good turf results and some not so good. There are reports of winter damage throughout the province and we wish everyone a speedy recovery. That being said, at times like these it is great to have a support network. Don't be afraid to call on your fellow superintendent, he/she may be going through the same thing or have a tip to help the process. One thing about our industry is we are always willing to lend a hand or words of encouragement.

I just attended the spring meeting at the Canmore G&CC and Reid and his crew had things in great shape for our members and industry guests. It was a great turnout with over 30 industry represented and a total of 85 for the 1-day event. I would also like to thank Dan Nolin for hosting myself and some fellow superintendents on the Monday at The Banff Springs. The course was spectacular as always, it is one of my all-time favourite spots and it didn't disappoint. We had some great feedback at the meeting portion on Tuesday where Health & Safety ended up being a topic of discussion. The board has formed a committee to explore this topic and ways to benefit all our members. This will be a very worthwhile venture. The next AGSA event will be the Challenge Cup at the Copper Point Resort from July 21-23, don't miss it!

Speaking of can't miss events, by now most everybody has heard the Fall Field Day will take place this year at spectacular Cabot Resort in Nova Scotia. It will be two days of golf where you will be able to play both the Links and Cliffs courses. We have also moved the traditional date back a little bit into October. The three-day event will take place on October 9 – 11, with the Toro Reception on the evening of the 9th to kick things off. On Thursday October 10 we will have a morning seminar followed by the afternoon shotgun of golf. The second day will be a crossover start with tee times. The AGSA will once again send their champions to the Fall Field day so make sure you mark your calender for August 12 at the Lacombe

G&CC where Connor Winslow will host us. I know I can't wait to make the trip to Cabot, hope many of you from Alberta will also be there.

Last but not least, the CGSA just finished its first venture into our online store for CGSA merchandise. This went very well! We will be opening the store later in the summer again to purchase your gear for the fall and to show your Canadian colours at the Fall Field Day in Cabot.

If at any time you have questions about what is going on with the CGSA please do fire me an email or give me a call, just like our jobs communication is always key.

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