

CGSA Manitoba Report June 2026

Manitoba is experiencing its first heat wave of the year with temperatures in the last days of May reaching the mid 30's. Temperatures that were not seen all of last summer. Previous to the temperatures in the mid 30's the majority of May was single digit temperatures with many nights below zero. It is safe to say spring skipped the prairies this year going straight from winter to summer.

Overall golf courses are reporting generally good conditions to start the year, the long cold winter had lots of snow cover and has led to good spring conditions now that turf is growing. Turf and trees are starting to catch up but tree's leafing out and turf conditions were definitely two weeks behind average at one point. Northern Manitoba in areas like Swan River, The Pas, and Thompson saw an early May snow storm dropping as much as 12 inches of snow in areas further delaying openings in those areas.

The unusual spring weather has made opening courses very interesting on top of the temperatures 2 days of extremely high winds caused damage in southern Manitoba, wind speeds in the southwest part of the province were as high as 115 kilometres an hour. That's your spring weather roundup from Manitoba.

The MGSA event schedule began May 27th with close to 30 members attending the spring round table at Lorette Golf Course. Upcoming summer events include the John B. Steel event being hosted by Craig Atkinson at Clear Lake Golf Course on June 24th. Winners of the stroke play divisions at this event will have an opportunity to attend the CGSA Fall Field Day at Riverside Golf Club in Saskatoon on September 22 and represent the MGSA in the national team competition. Following the John B. Steel Tournament the annual Turfgrass Research Tournament will be hosted at Southwood Golf and Country Club on August 11th. The event promises to be a great event again this summer with a Par 3 challenge being contested the evening before on August 10th.

With the busiest days of summer ahead and the long days that are required by many to deliver course conditions on a daily basis please remember to take some time for yourself, your family, and even a round of golf or two!

Best Regards,

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