

Thursday, November 26, 2020

BC Report

Winter is no longer coming, for most parts of BC winter is here. After what seemed like a long tough year for most superintendents the end of the 2020 season is a welcome sight. Unfortunately many of our superintendents in BC, those in the lower mainland and Vancouver Island will continue working through what appears to be a similarly hard winter. Good luck gentlemen, good things are on the horizon.

In BC, like most of Canada, superintendents take this opportunity to rejuvenate, get educated, and travel. The latter seems to be more difficult this year as travel restrictions and just the sheer process of quarantining is making travel prohibitive. Hopefully with the introduction of vaccines we can all get back to a similar life we knew before Covid.

Recently, the BCGSA held its Professional Development Days conference. A huge congratulations needs to go out to the organizing committee, Dean Piller, AGS; Paul Robertson; Jamie Robb, AGS; Warren Blue, and Miranda Robinson. We should also acknowledge Jason Steadwell, Syngenta, whose platform was used and was available for IT services throughout. The speaker line up was outstanding and the event was very well attended. Another deserving recipient of this year's BC Superintendent of the year has been named, Rick Scott from the Richmond Golf Club. Shawn Bailey was named the winner of the Brian Finnegan Award. The award goes to a deserving student and comes with a scholarship that will further Shawn's studies moving forward. Congratulations to both Rick and Shawn. Warren Blue has moved into the role of President of the BCGSA, good luck Warren.

The CGSA will be providing another virtual conference opportunity for you. We are just in the planning stages of the event but being on the committee I can tell you the speaker list so far is outstanding. The CGSA hopes to build off of the BCGSA's success and present you a great opportunity to further your education and get those CEC points we all missed out on this year. The dates are March 2-4th so keep an eye out for registration information coming your way soon.

Recently, Brian Youell, MS, AGS announced he was stepping back from many of his association commitments. Brian was a member of the communications committee for the CGSA; he was also on the committee for the Professional Development Days for the BCGSA. In reality Brian has done too many things to list for superintendents across the country over the years. I want to personally thank Brian for all the years of service he has contributed to both associations. He has been a tireless contributor and we all owe him our gratitude. Cheers Brian, we will see you in a more relaxed role at our events in the future. Good luck my friend.

In closing I want to let you know that I have submitted my application to continue to represent BC on the board of the CGSA. I appreciate this opportunity you have given me to give back to the profession. Please remember our associations are critical to the development of the industry. I wish you the happiest of the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Ken Bruniski – BC Director, CGSA