

Manitoba CGSA Report October

As I write this report southern Manitoba is experiencing its first significant frost of the season. After an above average September with many rounds of golf played it appears fall is beginning to set in. The spring and early summer started off with much higher-than-normal precipitation once the weather turned the second half of the season was above normal temperatures and average precipitation. Courses that experienced damage from winter and spring conditions have recovered well. The season is finishing on a positive note across much of the province. Many Superintendents have completed or are in the process of aeration, winter preparations, several in the area have projects on the go completing course improvements. Irrigation systems will soon be blown out after seeing very little use this summer compared to the past few years.

The MGSA hosted their annual Turfgrass Research Tournament in August at Teulon Golf and Country Club, a successful tournament was held with 136 golfers attending this year. Thank you to all golfers and commercial suppliers for your support of this event. Winners of this year's John B. Steel Tournament were Low Net Superintendent Jordan Joye, Low Gross Superintendent Farrol Asham, Low Net Assistant Superintendent Eric Benson, and Low Net Commercial Rep Todd Fanning. The John B. Steel Tournament was hosted at Larters Golf Course this year in July. Winners of the John B. Steel event received financial assistance for the opportunity to attend the CGSA Fall Field Day each year and represent Manitoba as part of Team Manitoba in Provincial Challenge Cup.

The CGSA Fall Field Day was held recently at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club. This year it was held in conjunction with the BCGSA Exchange Golf Tournament hosted at University Golf Club. This year's events were an excellent opportunity to enjoy some very nice golf, camaraderie of old colleagues, as well as meet some new ones! 10 Manitobans had the opportunity to attend this year's event - all had a great time.

As everyone begins to shutdown their courses for winter, and the coming days of winter seem long, please start looking forward to our upcoming Manitoba Golf and Turf Conference this coming March 2025. It is two days of excellent education and fun. Please mark your calendars if you are from Manitoba or from outside the province - all are welcome!

Good luck to everyone with preparations for winter.

Regards,

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