

CGSA Regional Report (Alberta)

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Wow, where did May go? In the last week or so, we have finally started to see some temperatures that don't result in frost mornings. This is a pleasant change as courses can now start to push conditions a bit more. Common theme is that most properties came out of winter strong. No turf managers want to be struggling to grow grass back to start a season so this is great to hear. Another positive is that many parts of the province have experienced early season rains, which is again a nice change of pace for how springs have gone in Alberta the last few years.

The AGSA calendar once again has a stellar line-up of events for its membership. Changing things up this year, the AGSA ran a Winter Event this past March. Members and industry personnel gathered for a day of hockey and curling. This inaugural event was a great success as nearly 100 people attended. It was a nice way to reconnect with everyone following the winter hiatus and get the juices flowing for the upcoming golf season. The Spring Meeting is scheduled for June 9th at The Golf Club at Delacour Crossing just outside Calgary. The AGSA Challenge Cup will once again return to Copper Point Golf Course in Invermere, BC from July 20th-22nd where the Course Superintendent, General Manager, Head Golf Professional, and Club President compete as a team against other courses. Royal Mayfair Golf Club in Edmonton will host the Sid Puddicombe AGSA Championship on August 18th. Low Gross and Low Net winners of this event receive entry into the CGSA Fall Field Day at Club de Golf Laval-sur-le-Lac in Laval, QC. Finally, the AGSA Property Manager's Conference is scheduled for November 17th-19th and will once again be returning to Canmore. This is the 30th year of this event and it has grown to one of the largest regional conferences in the country.

This year once again a couple CGSA Alberta superintendents will be hosting events at their courses as part of the National Tournament Schedule:

- Chris Nelson (Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club) – Rogers Charity Classic (August 11 – 17)
- Leandro Avveduti (Northern Bear Golf Club) – ATB Classic (September 11 – 14)

We wish both Chris & Leandro all the best in hosting these events and the extra hours they put in representing the CGSA and the AGSA by showcasing their properties on the national stage.

Next month the 2nd installment of the CGSA Summer Shamble takes place in our neighboring province of BC at Okanagan Golf Club. I am sure there will be some Alberta representation as this amazing event as host superintendent Gary Stadnek has lined up an amazing two days for the event. The evening prior will feature a horse race which is sure to be a blast. Beyond the amazing golf, the CGSA has lined up a tremendous speaker as Cal Club's Superintendent Javier Campos will be sharing his approach to managing people and the extensive projects they have undertaken at his course. What a great reason to step away from your own properties prior to the summer season kicking off.

Best wishes,

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