November Atlantic Report

As the season comes to an end on the east coast, we turn our attention to course shut down and fall projects. Most courses are either closing November 1st or 11th, if they haven't closed already. We are in that last push and trying to stay focused and not lose steam at the end of a long season can be a challenge. I have been communicating with my staff that we have had a great season so let's dig in and get to the finish. Late September and early October were wet in our area and stayed wet. Anyone like us that has a lot of corporate scrambles in the fall struggled with turf wear. We know they are playing because it matters financially but it really puts pressure on the turf. We just passed 40,000 rounds at Chester Golf Club so the turf is tired. Things have dried up a bit towards the end of October, and this has made it better for getting a start on our fall projects and aeration practices.

We had our AGSA Scramble, in late August, at Dundarave in PE. We were hosted by Superintendent Fred Forshner who is retiring at the end of this season. Fred is the long time Superintendent on this property, and we wish him the best on his next endeavors. The course was in great shape, and we were sold out again. Also, thank you to all our suppliers for their continued support. We had a repeat winner of Andy MaGee's team from Hampton Golf Club.

The CGSA conference committee and staff are finalizing the Halifax Conference. We have a great line up and as always there will be some great East Coast hospitality, so I look forward to welcoming many people to Halifax in February.

I wish everyone a smooth shut down and winterization. Enjoy the downtime.

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