

President's Message

Dear Members,

Like many across the province, there have been mornings this season where I've walked onto the golf course with a plan in mind, only to have it completely re-written in a matter of minutes. Whether it was another rainfall event, equipment issues, or simply trying to stay one step ahead, this season has been a reminder that flexibility is just as important as preparation.

The recent flooding across parts of Manitoba has had a significant impact on several golf courses and their management teams. As superintendents, we invest ourselves in our properties and when nature reminds us that some things are beyond our control, it can be incredibly frustrating.

As we reach the midpoint of the season, it's worth taking a moment to reflect on everything we've accomplished. It's easy to become focused on what still needs to be done. The next disease outbreak, the next irrigation repair, the next tournament, or the next weather event is always on the horizon. We often spend so much time chasing perfection that we rarely stop to appreciate how much we've already achieved. The reality is that golfers do not notice the imperfections that plague superintendents on a daily basis, nor the countless hours of preparation, problem-solving, and teamwork that made their round possible. They don't see the early mornings, the late evenings, the difficult conversations with staff, or the countless decisions made before most people have had their first cup of coffee. Those efforts matter, and they deserve to be recognized.

The season is far from over, and there will undoubtedly be more challenges ahead. That's simply the nature of our profession. But if the first half of this year has shown us anything, it's that resilience isn't about avoiding adversity, but our response to it. Every challenge overcome makes us better managers, stronger leaders, and more supportive colleagues.

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