

CGSA Regional Report (Alberta)

As the days get shorter & shorter and cool mornings become the norm here in Alberta, courses push hard to sustain their conditions despite the reduced staff that we all experience. After a cool spring and summer taking its sweet time to show up, the last 2 months have been extremely warm with very little precipitation in many areas. Turf was put to the test, but golfers benefited from some great days for golf.

Alberta events were a great success this summer as the AGSA was able to host all of its events in person with no restrictions. The Spring Meeting took place just north of Edmonton Sturgeon Valley Golf & Country Club in early June and although a wet day, fun was had by all. The AGSA Challenge Cup, which is an annual event that brings clubs from all over Alberta to compete in a team stableford event. Each club's team is comprised of the Golf Course Superintendent, Head Golf Professional, General Manager, and Club President. It was once again hosted at Copper Point Golf Club and Copper Point Resort and was well attended and supported by many. Events like these are not possible without the generous support of our industry partners so we are very grateful for the tremendous support that we have. The AGSA Championship was held at Medicine Hat Golf & Country Club on August 8th. Low Gross winner, Cory Mossing (Bears paw Golf Club) and Low Net winner, Dean Zilinski (Coal Creek Golf Resort) both earn a trip to this month's Fall Field Day hosted by Dustin How, AGS at Southwood Golf & Country Club in Winnipeg on September 20th. AGSA's final golf event takes place next week on September 12th at The Winston Golf Club in Calgary which will be a Ryder Cup style event.

This year a number of individuals hosted national events at their courses this season:

- Jared Hystad (Pine Hills Golf Club) – NextGen Western Championship (June 2-4)
- Keith Blayney, MS, AGS (Edmonton Petroleum Golf & Country Club) – ATB Classic (June 16-19)
- Ken MacKenzie, AGS (Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club) – Shaw Charity Classic (August 3-7)
- Justin Olansky (Connaught Golf Club) – PGA Seniors' Championship of Canada (August 23-26)
- Heath Koch (Red Deer Golf & Country Club) – Canadian Men's Senior Championship (September 6-9)

We cannot thank these individuals enough for the extra hours they put in representing the CGSA and AGSA by showcasing their properties on the national stage. Well done gentlemen!

Best wishes to everyone across the country in the fall push and getting your properties prepared for the winter. We all love this industry and there is nothing better than fall golf.

All the best!

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