

Quebec Regional report:

As we conclude this very unique golf season, here's what took place in Quebec.

Our spring started in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic forcing superintendents to open golf courses with reduced staff and not knowing when or if there would be a season. Finally, the 2020 golf season in Quebec started on May 20th.

Spring and early summer were extremely dry with way above average temperatures followed by a rainy August and September.

The majority of golf courses have seen an important increase (20 to 25%) in total rounds played compared to last year. You can really feel a new enthusiasm for the game here in Quebec.

As you already know, Quebec got hit hard by the virus in the spring. The spread of the virus in the summer was kept below the 100 new cases per day and like the rest of the country we are getting into the second wave.

On the provincial association level, the QGSA held the Classic Paulo Roberge tournament on September 24th at Victoriaville Golf Club. The QGSA is still planning to do its annual conference in March 2021, Covid depending.

Pat Moir superintendent at Hillsdale Golf Club for the past 23 years has accepted Syngenta's Turf Specialist position for Quebec and the Maritimes. Eric Ward superintendent at Station Mont-Tremblant (Le Diable and Le Géant) will be taking over Pat's position at Hillsdale. Éric is very happy to return to Hillsdale where his career started.

As we conclude this very unique and demanding 2020 golf season, I guess that we are blessed that the golf industry has had a good year.

I wish everyone a good Fall. Be safe.

Luc Ladouceur

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