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For the second year in a row, spring seems to be taking its time arriving in many parts of Ontario. While a few sporadic courses in Southwestern Ontario are opening early many courses in the east and north remain under snowfall making it difficult for Superintendents to access their courses.

The 2019 Canadian Golf Course Management Conference was once again a terrific success in beautiful Banff, Alberta. First class education and exceptional social events added to the pleasurable experience for all. Congratulations to Dean Baker, CGCS from Burlington Golf Club in Burlington, Ontario for his Superintendent of the Year honour. One of the most rewarding benefits of attending the Canadian conference is meeting all the wonderful people from coast to coast and learning of their experiences and issues they are dealing with in each region. Work is well underway for next year's conference and we hope to have news soon on another great venue.

As with any association, strength in numbers is the cornerstone of any successful organization. The CGSA continues to grow and flourish but we still need the support of our members to promote the value of being a CGSA member. Programs such as GolfMax and Venngo are only a couple of examples of how each facility can save thousands of dollars simply by being a member of CGSA and supporting your fellow Canadian Superintendents. Word of mouth is one of the best advertisements so please help to promote your association.

I wish all of you a happy, healthy, successful year as we move into warmer weather.

John McLinden