

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a great 2024. I wish you an exceptional golf course, a full team and an ample budget. We are now finally in the time of year where we can relax and enjoy ourselves with those close to us. Take advantage of this and stay healthy.

The month of December began with 30 cm of snow, we assumed that it was the start of winter. However, mother nature had other ideas. The 2023 year ended with a green golf course. I don't ever remember seeing the grass on my fairways for this long. On January 8th, winter finally started for real, however the roller coaster of temperatures, so far, seems to be continuing.

This year the CGSA conference will be held in the beautiful city of Montreal, February 27-29 at The Bonaventure Hotel. Conference participation plays an integral part of your professional development. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of all that has been organized for you. It is also important that you allow your assistants to experience and benefit from this education. It gives a value to our profession and assures that the job of superintendent continues to evolve. With this in mind, take advantage of the promotions that CGSA is offering to new members (50% off membership) and discounts for multiple staff members from the same club attending.

Founded in 1642, Montreal is an exceptional city to visit. As Canada's second-largest city, you can enjoy anything from bagels to poutines to fine dining, with a French Quebecois twist. While you are here, take advantage of our many museums or shows or maybe a Montreal Canadians Hockey game. No matter what, you will fall under the charm of this beautiful city.

In closing, I hope to see many of you at the conference and its festivities. Take the time this winter to energize yourselves before the start of a new season.

Luc Ladouceur
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