British Columbia Update
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As I write this post a few weeks out from the conference in Niagara Falls, I can't help but reflect on the recent award announcements and how well BC is continually represented across all categories. While I look forward to congratulating each of them in person at the conference, providing a little bit more recognition through this provincial update seems the least I can do.

First, **Jim McGarvey**, AGS Emeritus, has been honoured with the **CGSA John B. Steel Distinguished Service Award**. With a career spanning 40 years, including 28 years at Seymour Golf and Country Club, Jim's leadership and dedication to mentoring peers have made a significant impact on the golf industry. Congratulations, Jim, on this well-deserved recognition!

Next, **Sean Leach**, Associate Superintendent at Point Grey Golf & Country Club, has been named the **CGSA/Toro Assistant Superintendent of the Year**. Sean's exceptional leadership and commitment to the Vancouver Turf Internship program have greatly contributed to the success of his facility. It is great to see Sean's hard work and passion recognized at a national level, and I know this is only a step along the way of his continuing success.

Lastly, **Bev Lichty**, Head Equipment Technician at Cordova Bay Golf Course, has been awarded the **CGSA/Prairie Turf Equipment - Equipment Technician of the Year**. Bev's innovative approach and unwavering professionalism have significantly enhanced maintenance operations at Cordova Bay. His ability to fabricate tools and improve daily tasks is truly commendable. Congratulations, Bev, on this outstanding achievement!

While having three award winners in a year from BC is an exceptional feat, I know this is not the first time this has happened either! I feel very fortunate to work amongst a group of dedicated, passionate, professionals in British Columbia, and I know that my career has benefitted greatly from this opportunity. Now I know that the rest of you across the country are great too, but hey, this is the BC column, and I am the BC Director, so I get to give a little shout-out here.

Congratulations again to Jim, Sean, & Bev!

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