

CGSA April Regional Report – Manitoba

The CGSA hosted the Canadian Golf Course Management Conference in Niagara Falls this past February, the event was a successful collaboration with the OGSA. The attendance was large and Manitoba was well represented with numerous attendees.

Following the CGSA conference the Manitoba Golf and Turf Conference was held in early March in Winnipeg. This year's speaker lineup featured Adam Moeller, Jason Pick, Dr. Sara Stricker, and representatives from government to speak about pesticide regulations. Attendance was high again this year with around 80 attendees. The event featured a knowledgeable speaker lineup with some excellent socializing and networking again this year. Award winners at this year's conference were Superintendent of the year Dustin How, AGS, from Southwood Golf and Country Club, Assistant Superintendent of the Year Kyle Queijo, from Glendale Golf and Country Club. Jarret Rempel and his committee are working on another great event next year for anyone who would like to attend.

The MGSA is adding two monthly events back into our calendar this year. This year's event lineup will feature 4 events as follows:

May 21st, Monthly Meeting, Southside Golf Course, host Superintendent Evan Zacharias

July 8th, John B. Steel Competition, Oakwood Golf Course, host Superintendents Ken Bordyniuk and Steve McMaster

August 14th and 15th, MGSA Turfgrass Tournament at Selkirk Country Club with host Superintendent Ian Brooks

September 17th, Monthly Meeting, Links at the Lake, Host Superintendent Ralph Schofield

In October the MGSA will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. The associations' history dates to the summer of 1950 when a group of golf course greenskeepers met on several occasions to discuss the feasibility of forming an Association which would interchange knowledge and ideas, upgrade and improve playing conditions on Manitoba's golf courses, as well as promote and improve the professional status of the men who cared for the courses. On Wednesday, October 25, 1950 a meeting to organize the Association was held at Glendale Golf and Country Club. At this meeting the group was named "The Manitoba Greenskeepers Association" by resolution. The following people were elected as the original slate of officers:

A.C. (Cy) Creed President

John B. Steel Vice President

Frank MacDonald Treasurer

Stan Walker Secretary

This October the current board will be hosting 75th anniversary celebrations to be held at Glendale Golf and Country Club. Further details will be shared throughout the summer for anyone who wishes to attend and celebrate the 75-year history of the Manitoba Golf Superintendents Association.

Early reports around the province are turf has wintered well this year, snow cover varied greatly with lots of snow in the north and west, the south east part of the province had limited snow cover through the winter. The weather looks to be turning to the positive side in the coming days and openings of course will follow soon after.

Regards,

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Manitoba Director