

## CGSA BC Report

At the time of this report many superintendents in BC have traded in their toques for hose carts as summer finally arrived and with a vengeance in some parts of the province. Out west we'll deal with the heat stress for another month, all of us looking forward to the sweet days of fall.

A big congratulations needs to go out to the three superintendents in BC that hosted MacKenzie Tour events this season. Tyler Patroch, AGS - Point Grey Golf and Country Club, Brian Youell, MS, AGS – Uplands Golf Club, and Fritz Verkerk – Gallagher's Canyon Golf and Country Club. I have heard that all three courses were in outstanding condition, exceeding expectations. Well done gentlemen.

In a related matter Fritz Verkerk, soon after hosting the Mackenzie Tour resigned from his position at Gallagher's Canyon Golf Club. We would like to wish Fritz well moving forward in his new life. Also, Keith Lyall has stepped down from the board of AGA – BC. Keith has been instrumental in developing an IPM Manual for his fellow superintendents and has served diligently on several boards over the past several years. Keith cited personal reasons for his departure and we wish Keith well in the future as well.

As you may have heard the CGSA Fall Field Day is being held at Cabot Links Golf Club. We have arranged for anyone attending to be able to play both Cliffs and Links during their stay. One thing some of you may not know, I was one, Cliffs has been rated as #9 in the world. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to play a top ten in the world course in peak condition. If you haven't registered don't wait. The tournament is nearly full and is sure to be a great event.

The organization of the CGSA Conference and Trade Show is well on its way. The event will take place in Ottawa in partnership with the Ottawa Valley Turfgrass Association March 2-5<sup>th</sup>. The education lineup is being constructed as we speak and is sure to be great once again. If you missed the event in Banff you probably heard how outstanding it was; and the CGSA staff is raising the bar when it comes to putting this event on as well. We are very excited to be back in Ontario and hope we see a big turnout from superintendents across BC along with the rest of the country.

As I close I will take this opportunity to express my opinion of this great industry we work in. I believe networking and education are the pillars of our profession, both of which are provided by the associations we become a part of. Education for superintendents, for golfers, and the masses make our job much more comfortable. Take some time to figure out how to become a member of the associations you feel can help and which can benefit you the most. The CGSA has committed to helping and educating superintendents all across our country. We can only get better with your support, and we will. Please consider the benefits the CGSA has added to its membership program. With features like Golfmax and Venngo along with discounts on event registration and many other member benefits, becoming a member is easily justifiable.

Until next time stay hydrated and I hope to see you at Cabot!

Sincerely,

Ken Brunski – BC Director, CGSA