

After a winter that seemed to drag on, most courses around Saskatchewan have been opening this past week. Due to a steadier winter around the province, compared to previous years, courses are seeing a much better start to the season with healthy turf. Minimal frost in the ground is allowing courses to start up irrigation earlier than previously. Early season temperatures are feeling like summer with above zero overnights and mid 20's during the days.

As we enter May, University students return to work which provides a nearly complete team. This can be the first job for many or the first job working with potentially dangerous equipment. As such, it is crucial to prioritize proper safety and training as employees start. The skills they gain from this employment can have lifelong impacts.

As the Saskatchewan Turfgrass Association is coming into the new season, we are looking forward to some fun events this summer. The first is the Summer Golf Event at Holiday Park in Saskatoon, followed by The Don Campbell Research Golf Championship to be held at The Legends Golf Club in Warman. We are looking forward to another great turnout for these events.

Good luck to all with the new golf season kicking off.

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