

CGSA Report – Alberta Dec2019

Everyone will be happy that November is over. Cold Temperatures, snow, rain and of course ice were causing lots of problems as everyone put their courses to bed. Throughout Alberta guys are trying new methods and different techniques to keep their greens free of ice. From new insulators with ice shields, to no cover at all. Let's hope everyone has great results for their property.

The just completed AGSA Property Manager's Conference was held in Canmore once again this year. Conference Chair Dean Zilinski, from Coal Creek Golf Resort, put together an outstanding event. The CGSA was happy to once again partner with the AGSA for the Sunday seminar. This year we had Dr. Jesse Benelli, Green Solutions Specialist from Bayer, presenting on Spray Deposition and New Summer Diseases in the Western Provinces. Attendance was great and we look forward to continuing this partnership in the future. We do also want to congratulate Terri Solodan, the new Executive Director of the AGSA, as she had every detail worked out for a smooth event. We must mention how outstanding the Grey Cup Party was this year. It probably was the best ever, (at least in 29 years) as the Winnipeg Blue Bombers brought home the cup.

The AGSA AGM was held on Monday of the conference, and many changes took place. The new President is Dean Zilinski, with Cam Kusiek moving to Past President. Congratulations to Cam on your tenure as President. The new board member stepping on this year is Mark Begin from Medicine Hat Golf & Country Club. I know my neighbor in the hat will do a great job on the board of directors.

The AGSA Distinguished Service award was given to Wade Peckham, of the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. Wade is one of those guys that many Superintendents look up to and consider a mentor, well deserved and congratulations.

Lastly, I want to mention Reid Solodan, who is leaving the board after finishing his tenure. Reid has been a workhorse for the AGSA, and done a tremendous job during his time serving, we know he won't step too far away, but thank you for your service to the members.

We now turn our attention to Ottawa. The Canadian will take place from March 1-5 and from what I heard in Canmore lots of members are looking forward to it. Details and seminars are starting to be released, keep a close eye on the website as more details emerge. We hope for a strong contingent from the west in March.

The Holidays are right around the corner; with that please make sure to take some time to enjoy family and friends. Balance in life is important and no better time than Christmas to do it. All the best as we head into 2020!

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