

Saskatchewan Regional Report

The last few months we have seen a couple different seasons; warm, melting, rain, snow, wind, cold and that cycle has continued. One of the more interesting winters I have seen while being in the industry. There is some concern throughout the province with potential ice issues and damage on the turfgrass from the unique winter we have had. December and January rain on frozen ground has lots scratching their heads. Some courses have tried different techniques to remove the ice, and some are letting things be because of the potential for additional damage. Time will tell on the outcome of these conditions and decisions. Hopefully damage is minimal, and we have a good spring to help with any recovery that is needed.

Southern parts of the province now have very little to no snow left and the springtime procedures have started for opening courses. Central Saskatchewan is starting to melt and in the next week or two it will be go time. Northern areas are still dealing with snow, winter conditions and are waiting on some cooperation from Mother Nature.

At the CGSA conference in Montreal, Grant Sawchyn, AGS and Doug Campbell, AGS were awarded their 40-year pins. 30-year pins were awarded to Bob Currie, MS, AGS, Kelvin VanWinkoop and Lach Reeve. Congratulations!

The Saskatchewan Turfgrass Association board has been busy preparing for a couple of important events throughout the summer months. Our Summer Field Day in June and our Don Campbell Research Tournament in August.

This August, the Riverside Country Club and the Saskatoon Golf & Country Club are co-hosting The Canadian Amateur Golf Championship. This will be a great event and will showcase a couple of Saskatchewan's best.

I want to wish everyone a good spring and a successful golf season!

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