

President's Message

Dear Members,

As we move into the heart of the golf season, I find I am having to constantly revert back to one theme; patience. This spring has challenged all of us in different ways. It seemed Manitoba skipped spring altogether, transitioning from cold temperatures and delayed growth straight into scorching heat in what felt like a matter of days. The lack of a gradual transition period left little opportunity for turf, golf courses, and the people who care for them to adapt at the pace we would normally expect.

These conditions serve as a reminder that patience is one of the most valuable tools we have in our industry. Patience with our staff, old and new, as they work through demanding schedules and rapidly changing conditions. Patience with memberships, owners, and greens committees as expectations are balanced against the realities of weather, resources, and agronomic limitations. Most importantly, patience with the turf itself. Healthy playing conditions are not achieved overnight, and even the best management practices require time to deliver results.

Superintendents are fortunate to work in an industry built on long term thinking. Every decision we make today is an investment in the future health and sustainability of our courses. As a die-hard Habs fan, any chance I have to throw out a Martin St. Louis quote I will take it;

"You need guys that are willing to plant trees knowing they'll never sit in the shade"

Ensure we as superintendents are willing to make decisions today that we may not benefit from.

On behalf of the Manitoba Golf Superintendents Association, I would like to thank all of our members for their dedication and professionalism during another unpredictable start to the season. We also have a number of new members joining us for the 2026 season, so I want to welcome them and look forward to their input on the association, and hopefully see them at some of our upcoming events. As we continue through the summer months, I encourage everyone to remain patient, support one another, and trust the process. The rewards of our efforts are often measured not in days or weeks, but in seasons.

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