

CGSA September Manitoba Report

The season continues to fly along, it doesn't seem like any year seems slower. Overall Manitoba has had some very good grass growing weather this season. The exception being some areas that have seen massive rainfalls leading to overland flooding. Several golf courses have experienced multiple flooding events this summer around the province, for those individuals it has been a challenging summer. If anyone in your area has been affected, please check in with your fellow Superintendents and see if anything can be done to help and for those affected don't hesitate to reach out to your peers for a conversation or ask for help. The sharing of insight and knowledge along with our support of each other is what makes our profession strong.

The Manitoba Golf Superintendents hosted the 2026 Turfgrass Tournament at Southwood Golf and Country Club in mid August. The 2-day event began with a Par 3 contest on day 1. Each hole had a closest to the pin prize, the closest of the closest to the pins was Kenny Keeler on the first hole with a Hole in 1! Day 2 of the event was a 4-person scramble with 40 teams participating. The host Assistant Superintendents Rick Pannu and Eric Benson had the course setup fair but challenging playing 6500 yards with some interesting pin locations from previous Manitoba Opens. The event was won with an impressive score of -16 the team of Joe Chartrand, Mark Kerkowich, Ryan Horn, and Lance Holowaty defeated Farrol Asham, Kenny Keeler, Dean Cairns, and Carson Inman on a countback.

Upcoming the MGSA has its fall meeting this at Steinbach Fly-In Golf Club on Wednesday September 16 this promises to be another great opportunity for MGSA members to gather. The host Superintendent Rob Fast is currently completing his 49th year of employment with the club, 48 of those years as the Superintendent!

Fall is always a busy time of year in our industry with many projects on the go, aeration, irrigation blowout, continued busy volumes of golf and many courses doing this with limited staff. Please take time to enjoy the fruits of your labour this fall either playing a little golf or just an extra cup of coffee and enjoy a scenic view on the course.

Regards,

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