

November GreenMatter Report

After a warm dry fall which had golfers very happy and active, winter came up pretty abruptly in Manitoba. In the Winnipeg area we have the first white Halloween since 2006 and the forecast doesn't show any significant warmup in the near term. While it was a quick finish to the 2023 golf season most of the Superintendents that I have spoken with did manage to complete their most important winterization tasks with maybe a couple of small projects left hanging over to next spring. Warm weather and some rainfall throughout October had the turf growing pretty actively right up until snowfall so while it was certainly beneficial to see some recovery from traffic and wear and tear after another busy golf season it will certainly provide a good test to our winter fungicide programs.

The CGSA Fall Field Day at Beacon Hall was a great success and it was great to see such a wide spread group of turf industry folks from around the country come together to enjoy a fabulous day at a tremendous golf club. While it is only November, now is a great time to mark your calendars for the 2024 Fall Field Day at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club in Vancouver.

Kathryn and her team are busy at work putting together the program for the Canadian in Montreal. I am sure the speaker lineup will be excellent as usual and it has been 17 years since CGSA was last in Montreal for this event so I am sure it will be very exciting both educationally and socially! If you haven't already, please make plans to attend and if you are working on your budget for the 2024 season try and find the funds to make it a priority. I have no doubt the experience will be great!

I would like to wish everyone all the best with their season ending activities and work and hope to see as many of you as possible in Montreal

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