

## President's message October 2007

The summer of 2007 will always be remembered as one of the driest in history in certain areas of Ontario. There are many golf courses that had to deal with adversity and I would like to congratulate all the superintendents who persevered. As I sit here and write this message the temperatures are slowly getting cooler, the leaves are starting to turn, and our focus changes towards getting our golf courses ready for winter. The OGSA's focus also changes to providing affordable educational opportunities for our members.

By now, most of you should have received the brochure for the Ontario Golf Course Management Conference and Trade Show, being held at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto from January 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. Randy Booker and his committee have put together an excellent educational program as well as a diverse trade show. Be sure to take advantage of the early bird special which expires on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. We look forward to seeing you all at the conference.

The OGSA is pleased to offer our first webcast seminar on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The webcast will be set up at three different locations throughout the province. The webcast will be held simultaneously at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute in Guelph, the Innisbrook Golf Course in Barrie, and LochNess Links in Welland. The subject of our first webcast seminar is "Greens Speeds" and will be moderated by an OGSA representative. You will have received information via *Clippings*. I would like to extend a special thanks to Jeff Alexander and Randy Twyman for their hard work in setting up the webcast seminars.

As many of you may know, the province of Ontario is setting up committees in three regions of Ontario which will determine policy for the Source Water Protection Act. The new act could have many implications with respect to the management of golf courses and we should all be taking it very seriously. The OGSA is currently working in conjunction with the Allied Golf Association of Ontario, and the Royal Canadian Golf Association with nominating potential committee candidates. I would like to thank Doug Breen and Jarrod Barakett for keeping up to date and advising our board on the proceedings. We will be updating our membership on a regular basis as to any new developments.

In closing, we should all take the time to enjoy ourselves in the off season after what has proven to be a challenging summer. Be sure to spend quality time with friends, family, and those who are close to you. Take the time to educate yourself in preparation for another busy season ahead. Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the fall months.

Sincerely,  
Ontario Golf Superintendents' Association

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