

# President's message

What a start to the 2010 golf season! I would have to say that the month of April was the best I have seen in the 22 years in the golf industry. Being a couple hours north of Toronto, Parry Sound Golf and Country Club typically opens at the end of April. This season I opened our teaching facility on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April and the golf course on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. Just to give you an idea of our weather in Parry Sound I have given you our 2010 and 2009 weather data.



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	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Average Temp.	8.3	5.3
Highest Temp.	26.2	23.6
Lowest Temp	- 3.0	- 7.4
Rainfall	38mm	108mm
Dominate Wind Dir.	SW	NE
Average Wind Speed	5.1 km	5.2 km

I really find the dominate wind direction interesting. Are times changing; well, who knows? All I know is that it has been a great start for the golf club and for me personally, due to the warmer dryer conditions.

With golf now in the air, make sure you are able to attend some of your OGSA and regional association events this year. By attending events you have a chance to meet new people, discuss topics, compare courses, possibly see new ideas and enjoy a day of golf with your colleagues. Organizing and running events take time, so make sure you support them as much as you can and use them as a professional development tool.

By now your golf course should be registered for the IPM Accreditation Program. Phil Scully has just started working with some industry leaders on creating a template for superintendents and their respective clubs to use for the required, open public meetings. This template will hopefully keep everyone on the same page when dealing with the public during these meetings.

Doug Breen and his committee have been working hard planning for the 2011 Ontario Golf Course Management Conference and Trade Show. If you have any suggestions for speakers or seminar topics please email Doug Breen, Jennifer Pendrith, Rob Gatto, Chris Andrejicka or the OGSA office.

The OGSA will be advertising and marketing our association in the 2010 Canadian Open Program, at St Georges Golf and Country Club with a full page advertisement. Thanks to Stu Leachman for making that happen.

There is something way more important to say in this message than any turf related issue or OGSA matter. For those who are not aware, our colleague, good friend and long time St. Andrews Valley Golf Course Superintendent, John Trelford was diagnosed with Leukemia two years ago. He has taken several medications over this time and experienced only side effects and no help to his illness. The only remaining course of action is a bone marrow transplant. On July 15<sup>th</sup> John will undergo this life saving operation. John will face financial challenges because of the operation, which will require him to rent a residence close to the hospital and be off work for at least a year. To get more information on John's condition and how you can help, please check out his website [www.friendsofjohntrford.com](http://www.friendsofjohntrford.com). Our best wishes go out to John and his family.

Don't hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns, comments or suggestions about your association. Enjoy the season!