

President's Message Fall 2009

Well another year has come and gone, another golf season in the books and planning has begun for 2010. Why is it that every year seems to be getting shorter as well as passing us by quicker? Are we getting older and just not remembering? I know some of us don't want to remember but I really think our time has been shifted compared to the past. Routines we were used to have come and gone, schedules have been changed and the business of the game has forced us to rethink certain aspects. We no longer can rely on our past knowledge to get us through the future. Environmental issues are on our plates for good and a constant in our daily routine. Proactive thoughts are now necessary and the norm in order to achieve club success and personal goals.

Education and networking have never been more important than the present. CEU's, education points or whatever term we want to use are at the forefront of our responsibilities. The fall and winter are the times to look after these items and get a start on our 2010 thoughts. Take advantage of every opportunity afforded you to accumulate the needed points for any association status and our IPM accreditation process. I invite all of you to attend the 2010 Canadian International Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show, provided through the joint efforts of the OGSA and CGSA, to be held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto, from February 26th through March 2nd. Once again we have a strong educational program planned, so be sure to attend as many sessions as you can to achieve your credits, broaden your knowledge and build on your library of information. It is as equally important to utilize the social and networking opportunities provided through the associations' activities.

With winter almost upon us we must take the time to look back at our successes and failures of the past year. Successes are always a source of personal pride and celebration but more importantly take a good look at your failures. Whether they be a project that didn't quite turn out as planned, an employee situation that could have been dealt with in a different manner or a simple error in judgment, don't be afraid to admit your failures as these are truly the experiences that lead to our future successes.

I'd be remiss if I didn't take the opportunity to thank all our member clubs and their staff that held an event this past year. The strength of the Ontario Golf Superintendents' Association is dependent on the membership's participation throughout the year. We also can't forget to give thanks to all our associate members for their continued support of the OGSA. Once again, through our combined strong voice we continue to be recognized as a leader in the golf community, not only in Ontario but throughout North America.

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