

President's Message May 2007

Spring is always an exciting time for any golf course superintendent as we make the transition from thinking, to planning, to implementation. One of the great things about being a superintendent in Ontario is that every year in April and May we essentially get a new beginning. All of the challenges and stress from the previous year is now behind us and hopefully we all learn from our mistakes and past experience, moving forward. As each year progresses, we should become better communicators, managers, planners, and more knowledgeable about our properties. In theory, this should result in better golf course conditions for our members, their guests and paying public alike.

The Ontario Golf Superintendents' Association can be thought of in the same light. Every year, there is a new structure and look to the Board of Directors working towards common goals outlined in our strategic long range plan. At our first board meeting we establish goals for each portfolio moving forward. We also look at our success and failures from the past to help us become better communicators, directors, planners, and to learn much more about our membership.

I would like to thank all of you who recently filled out the conference survey to assist us with planning and better serving our membership in the future. The conference planning committee, chaired by Randy Booker, is well under way with securing speakers for the 2008 event, being held at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto.

Our first event of the 2007 year took place at North Halton Golf and Country Club on Wednesday March 21st. Special thanks go out to Dean Baker, his staff, and club officials for hosting a fun filled day of curling. As 2007 moves forward, we have an outstanding line up of golf events that I urge you all to participate in. In the next two months we have the Cam/Am Challenge at Ambassador Golf Club, the Pro/Super event at Devil's Pulpit, and the Spring Field Day at Ariss Valley. I would like to thank both the superintendents and club officials for their support of our association and members.

One of our goals for 2007 is to raise the profile of the golf course superintendents not only within the golf industry, but to the golfing public as well. The Ontario Golf Superintendents' Association will be running two ads in Ontario Golf Magazine in the spring and mid summer to help increase awareness of our contribution to the game of golf. Many thanks go out to Jeff Alexander for leading this initiative.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a successful and prosperous 2007 golf season at your own respective clubs. The OGSA also has a lot to look forward to as we proceed on behalf of our membership.



Sean DeSilva, President