

MANITOBA REPORT

Mother Nature has continued to cause havoc across Manitoba, similar to other provinces across the country. Flooding across Manitoba, especially western parts have seen areas calling for a state of emergency with the extreme conditions. Over this past weekend alone some areas have seen close to if not over 180mm. Courses that are affected by the severe conditions can only sit back and watch until flooding levels go down. Locally, river levels have been up in the city as well with some courses seeing some flooding in low lying areas similar to spring flooding. The normal average rainfall amounts for the month of June is typically 85mm.

This past month Dustin How, Superintendent of Southwood Golf & Country Club was presented a CGSA National Tournament Award for his efforts in hosting the Canadian University/College Championship. He will also be co-hosting the Canadian Men's Amateur Championship later this summer with Dan Ciekiewicz at Elmhurst Country Club.

The MGSA has held a couple of monthly meetings thus far with the first one taking place at The Meadows At East St. Paul with host superintendent Vic Peters. Before hitting the links with the group of 30, a round table discussion was held with some hot local topics. After the event a few prizes were handed out to the winners Vic Peters, Craig MacLeod and Doug Novak. An award for Excellence in hosting a national event was handed out to Derrick Chlopecki of The Pine Ridge Golf Club for his years of hosting The Players Cup. To finish the event off the MGSA handed out its first Distinguished Service Award in appreciation of the lifetime efforts on behalf of the golf industry and the MGSA to Vic Peters. Congrats to all winners, Derrick and Vic.

The second meeting of the season was held out at Bridges Golf Course with host superintendent Tony Feheregyhazi. 26 members enjoyed a great day out at Bridges with a morning education that saw Geoffrey Stephens from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship come in and update everyone on the program changes to the pesticide regulations.

The next meeting coming up will be the coveted John B Steel competition held at The Steinbach Fly-In Golf Club in Steinbach Manitoba with host superintendent Rob Fast.

I hope the weather starts to cooperate for many that have not really seen any signs of a normal summer. After a long haul thus far, it will be nice to head out to *Muskoka Lakes Golf & Country Club* for the CGSA Fall Field Day on September 23rd 2014. For more info on the Fall Field Day contact the CGSA offices or register online www.golfsupers.com/en/events/2014-cgsa-fall-field-day before it fills up.

Regards,

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