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Gordon Witteveen

(1934 - 2010)

Canada's Greatest Superintendent

The Most Distinguished Spokesman for the Golf Course Superintendents Industry

> Founding Father of the Modern Golf Industry

Unflinching Supporter of Golf Course Superintendents

Disrespected by IDIOTIC Canadian Golf Superintendents Association



Memorial Service for Gordon Witteveen (1934 - 2010)

Trade) in Woodbridge, Ontario.





Despite the DISGRACEFUL attitude of CGSA ...

... we all owe A LOT to Gordon Witteveen.

He was a FOUNDING FATHER of the Modern Golf Course Superintendents Industry.

He was, without a doubt, a GREAT UNFLINCHING SUPPORTER and FRIEND and ACTIVIST for all Golf Course Superintendents, across Canada and around the world.

Gordon himself was a LEGENDARY and an ICONIC GOLF COURSE SUPERIN-TENDENT.

Furthermore, he was a GIFTED and PROLIFIC WRITER, and a RENOWNED AUTHOR.

He was also an ACCOMPLISHED TEACHER and LECTURER.

Gordon was also a MENTOR for DOZENS of aspiring Golf Superintendents.

Gordon was a man who was HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, ENERGETIC, INDEFATI-GABLE, and ROBUST, with BOUNDLESS ENERGY.

He was a HERO in every sense of the word.

We have always been in awe of Gordon and his great accomplishments.

He has left behind a world that is BETTER because of his work.



As a member of The Board of Trade Country Club for many years, Gord, in my opinion, was the finest Superintendent the Club ever had. Managing expectations of more than a 1000 members was not easy, but he did it with a certain panache and aplomb. Let this memory be his legacy.

Ron Cawfield.

Gord was a force to be reckoned with. I enjoyed our encounters, both the kind where we were mutually celebrating, and those when he was perintendent ». He was a true lover of Golf Course Superintendents As-Superintendents Association. GreenMaster was a particular love. I'll

Vince Gillis.

Gordon always kept the Horticulture class of 1958 Ontario Agricultural College entertained with his wit. It has been a pleasure to see him from time to time over the years. His accomplishments leave a great legacy to the turf grass industry.

Harold Crawford. Guelph, Ontario.



Gordon devoted his working career to making people happy through the game of golf. He will live on through the work he did and the people he mentored and helped through the years. He left us a legacy of printed material that will continue to help many succeed in practicing the craft he loved so much. Thank you, Gordon.

— Tim Kubash. Salmon Arm, British Columbia.

Gordon was a great and interesting character who contributed tremendous energy, enthusiasm and knowledge to the golf industry. In recent years, he made it easy and affordable for the Canadian turfgrass industry to purchase a wide array of golf oriented books. Thanks Gordon for the many years of conversation and service.

Bob Kains. Canmore, Alberta.

Gordon was a pioneer that helped forge our industry into the success it is today.

Wade and Jennifer Peckham. Edmonton, Alberta.

Gordon was truly an outstanding person in the turfgrass industry. He will be sadly missed by all of us who had an opportunity to know and work with him.

Clay Switzer.



indeed in North America! Just to read the messages in this guest book and the areas from which they originated, and who the folks are, including old mutual friends Clayton Switzer and R. Vince Gillis! Gordon was not just a good thinker and writer, but also a great radio guest on my CFRB (Toronto) radio programme. Farewell gallant spirit!

Art Drysdale. Parksville, British Columbia.

Gordon Witteveen will be missed but never forgotten. His legacy will live on for generations.

- Christopher Kane. Victoria, British Columbia.

Great classmate in horticulture at Ontario Agricultural College and always free with his compliments and interest in where your career was going.

Larry Sherk. Toronto, Ontario.

He encouraged us with our work and shared with us an interest in family history. We appreciate his efforts in writing his family history.



He was a pioneer in our industry in Canada, and a friend to all golf course superintendents wherever they might be from. I was always impressed with how he remained a « student » of the profession, despite his vast knowledge and experience. He always related to young turf managers, and I think that was partially why. His legacy in our industry personality that I'll remember most. His enthusiasm for life, his love of his family, the twinkle in his eye, the way he loved to laugh, his philosophical side, and his ease in making new friends, all come to mind as I reflect on our time together.

He will be truly missed, and I cannot begin to tell you the impact he has had on my life.

Ron Heesen. Collingwood, Ontario.

He will be well remembered for his shaping of the golf course industry and the establishment of the word « professional » in the superintendent name. We will all miss him.

Paul Lefebvre. Durham, Ontario.

I cannot begin to tell you the impact that Gordon had on me. Taking a green horn pro shop employee and showing me the art of cutting greens and maintenance of a golf course. I will always remember Gordon and his stories.

Gasper Bernardo. Ottawa, Ontario.

I listened to Mr Witteveen give a lecture to myself and other Seneca College GCT students at Board of Trade in 1989. I was immediately struck with his professionalism and passion for the turf care profession. He was so good to all of us that day, and it was readily apparent that spending time with young people about to enter a world in which he was so instrumental in forming was as gratifying an experience for him as it was for the rest of us. All Superintendents across Canada owe Mr. Witteveen a world of respect and gratitude for helping to instil the sense of professionalism, and indeed higher learning that has become a hallmark of the job we all love so very much. Thank-you Mr. Witteveen, you will be missed.

Dave MacMillan. Chester, Nova Scotia.

I was a very young Superintendent in the late 1980s and it was at I believe my second CGSA Conference that I was bestowed with the inaugural Gordon Witteveen Award for best superintendent written article in GreenMaster magazine. I was surprised, proud, and quite frankly nervous to meet a man with such a rich history in the turfgrass management profession. However, in very short time frame Gordon put me at ease with his quick wit. I saw Gordon at every CGSA conference, I attended 15+, and he always had time for me. In the late 1990s, I was in Toronto on CGSA business and had the chance to play the Board of Trade with Gordon and have dinner together in the clubhouse following our round.

to let a young buck like me express mine as well even if they were in conflict with his. When I left my position as a golf course superintendent to teach at Red River College, Gordon always kept in touch not only to make sure I had an ample supply of books, but to see how I was faring as a teacher. Gordon as well all know was an accomplished writer and teacher in his own right and I will never forget the time he made for me and how he put me at ease when I was a very young superintendent attending CGSA conferences early in my career. Gordon will be greatly and sadly missed by many including all of his friends in the turfgrass management profession. Gordon was one of the early leaders of CGSA and one of the first to put the « professional » into turfgrass management in Canada.

Rob Officer. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

I was saddened to learn about the passing of Gordon Witteveen, a classmate from Ontario Agricultural College 1958. I got to know Gordon well at Guelph, because we spoke the same language (Frisian), and English was still difficult for both of us. We spent time together playing chess, and talking about our experiences as immigrants to Canada. I kept in touch with Gord through all these years, and often met at professional meetings where Gord would speak about his favourite subject, will be missed there also.

Tjipke Haagsma. Sarnia, Ontario.



I was very fortunate to have had the chance to play the occasional round of golf with him these past 3 summers when I really got to know him as the great guy he was. He was articulate, compassionate, and devoted to his family and the outdoors he helped cultivate for people and wildlife to enjoy in manicured and environmentally conserved surroundings. Gordon will be missed by his loved ones and his friends and all who had the pleasure of encountering his presence - the presence of a truly outstanding individual.

I went to my first Masters with Gordon in 07. Tiger Woods blew the field away. I enjoyed it very much.

Dave Stevens. Minden, Ontario.

It is with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Gordon. Having ter. I had hoped we could have got together sometimes this spring. Unfortunately, this was not to be.

John Bouman. Caledonia, Ontario.



It seems like only a short time ago that you two came by and spent time with me at Boca Rio. I will continue to treasure the memory of that day. I will always remember Gordon as being the perfect example of what a golf course superintendent and a gentleman should be.

Bob Randquist. Boca Raton, Florida.

May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.

Albiny Provost. Chambly, Quebec.

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Mr. Witteveen left us an inspiring legacy. My sincere condolences.

Christian Pilon. Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Quebec.



Our sincere sympathies to you and your family. I'm sure that Gordon and Mom are having a good chat and thinking of us all down here.

Reading these messages give me a good feeling of the amazing man Gordon was. It sounds like he had time for everyone and always with a smile and kind word. He was a generous man in all ways.

Piet Bouwhuis, Dora and Peter.

We all have very fond memories of Gord and the contributions he made as a member of the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club Executive and as a Hike Leader for our club's hiking programme.

Linda Murray.

We were fortunate to have him and Marilyn on a Dungeness crabbing venture on the west coast and dinner afterwards, a great day. His diligence in producing his books of our greens-keeping history was inspiring.

Dennis Pellrene. Delta, British Columbia.



Elected Officials and Staff of Canadian Golf Superintendents Association who could NOT be bothered to send electronic condolences

COULD NOT BE BOTHERED TO SEND ELECTRONIC CONDOLENCES to the Thompson Funeral Home

□ AFFLECK, Merlin (1994 – 2001)

- Presided when Witteveen was DUMPED

- Could not be bothered to send her condolences

☑ BEEBE, James

- Could not be bothered to send his condolences

□ BLAYNEY, Neil (1999–2006)

- Presided when Witteveen was DUMPED
- Could not be bothered to send his condolences

図 BOYD, David (1990-1997)

Could not be bothered to send his condolences

□ DeYOUNG, Michael (1989–1996)

- Presided when Witteveen was DUMPED

- Could not be bothered to send his condolences

☑ GILLIS, Vince

- FORMER staff member
- ACTUALLY TOOK THE TIME TO SEND CONDOLENCES

⋈ HARKNESS, Tim (1998–2002)

- Presided when Witteveen was DUMPED
- Could not be bothered to send his condolences

⋈ HOLDEN, Greg

- Current board member

- Could not be bothered to send his condolences

☑ KUBASH, Tim

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☑ NIX, Jim (1999–2005)

- Could not be bothered to send his condolences

☑ OFFICER, Rob (1993–1997)

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□ OLSVIK, Ken (1986–1992)

Could not be bothered to send his condolences

☑ PILLER, Dean (1993-2000)

Could not be bothered to send his condolences

☑ PILON, Christian

- Current board member
- ACTUALLY TOOK THE TIME TO SEND CONDOLENCES

☑ PINEAU, Ray (2003–2005)

- Presided when Witteveen was DUMPED

□ RADKE, Bill (1998–2000)

Could not be bothered to send his condolences

SCENNA, Pelino (1990−1998)

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☑ WATKINS, Kerry

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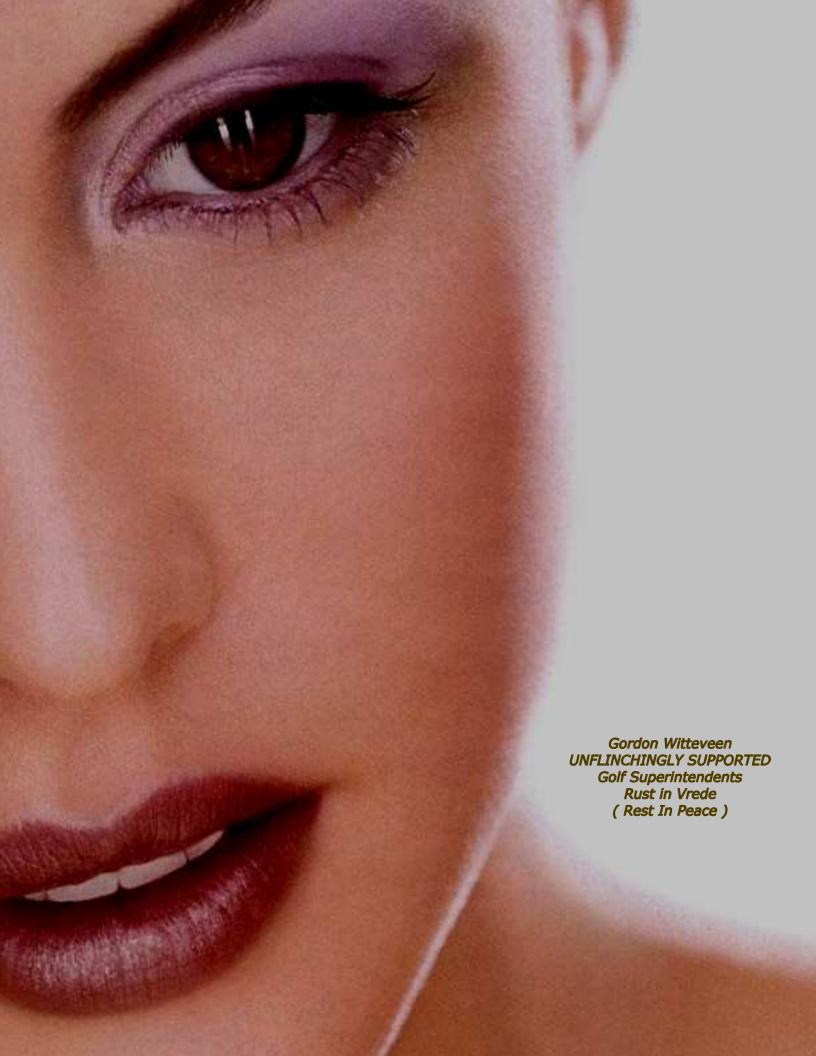
WATKINS, Ralph (1984–1990)

Could not be bothered to send his condolences

WHITE, Paul (1987–1993)

Could not be bothered to send his condolences

- Presided when Witteveen was DUMPED
- Could not be bothered to send his condolences





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HUJE are identified on the basis of their statements, activities, affiliations, and whereabouts. Even though each Enviro Maniac Culprit is a misguided adversary, each still deserves our respect. The use of the terms Lunatic, Maniac, Culprit, Terrorist, or Basterd are not accusations of any legal wrong doing. Force Of Nature is simply holding Enviro Lunatic Activists accountable for conspiring to change public policies that TERRORIZE HARM, and THREATEN the Green Space Industry.

HUJE is a term used to describe Enviro Maniac Activists that routinely concoct FEAR MONGERING, FRAUDULENT LIES, MISCONCEPTIONS, CO-ERCION, THREATS, DECEPTIONS, TERROR, and PARANOID CONSPIRACIES that are DESIGNED to SCAM and DECEIVE the public into believing there is some IMAGINARY DANGER with conventional pest control products. HUJE also SCAM and DECEIVE Government Officials into the NEED-LESS, SENSELESS, and MALICIOUS CONSPIRACY to PROHIBIT conventional pest control products that are FEDERALLY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE, and ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE.

HUJE have created LOSS OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT, inflicting DESPAIR and DESTITUTION for THOUSANDS of hapless victims throughout the Green Space Industry. The DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE of Lunatic Culprit Terrorist Basterd HUJE is viewed as a form of TERROR, HARM, and THREAT against the Green Space Industry.

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Force Of Nature, and its various incarnations, is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his colleagues. Mr. Gathercole is a principal FOUNDER of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in BOTH Ontario and Quebec. He holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH and another pure and applied science degree from McGILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the Green Space Industry, including GOLF, PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE, and CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, and has served in environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, and workplace safety. Mr. Gathercole has supervised, consulted, programmed, and/or overseen the successful and safe execution of HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of pest control applications in the urban landscape. He has trained, instructed, and consulted with THOUSANDS of turf managers and technicians. Mr. Gathercole has also been an agricultural agronomist. For many years, Mr. Gathercole was a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority.

Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues have followed the evolution of LUNATIC ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter century. For FIFTEEN YEARS, the strategies designed and implemented by Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues guaranteed the control of the VERMIN OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR for the entire Modern Green Space Industry across Canada. Their involvement in Environmental Issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with his colleagues, legal action against the Forces of Environmental Evil in the Town of Hudson, Quebec.

Today, Mr. Gathercole is the ONLY TRUE RELIABLE WITNESS of the Hudson Affair. Mr. Gathercole is personally credited for crafting the Golf Industry Exception Status that endures to this day. He is also the creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application. His vast knowledge of our long journey with Environmental Issues is UNDENIABLE — hopefully! Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as FOUNDER of Force Of Nature.

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