



## Latest News from CGSA Headquarters

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This year has been very busy for the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA). As we celebrate our 50th Anniversary (1966-2016) we want to inform you of the many changes that CGSA has made during our *Redesign* process and some of the exciting upcoming *Must Attend Events* that we believe you will be interested in.

- The **2016-2017 Membership fees** have been reduced by **25%** for Superintendents (from \$471 to **\$349**) and Assistants (from \$369 to **\$277**) and the **Student Membership fee** has just been lowered from \$68 to **\$35**.
- The **Fall Field Day** will take place at some high profile venues across the country and abroad. It was held at the historic **Royal Montreal Golf Club in 2016**, the oldest golf club in Canada.
- In 2017, **golf course superintendents from Canada and the U.S. will compete in the first ever CanAm Cup** being played Oct. 23-24, 2017 at Baltusrol Golf Club (Upper and Lower courses) in Springfield, N.J., and Canoe Brook Country Club (North and South courses) in Summit, N.J.
- **The Canadian Golf Course Management Conference** will take place in the smaller centre of **Victoria, BC from February 27 – March 3, 2017** with a **Unique Experience** for Networking and Education. By being a **member**, you **save over \$200** on your registration to attend the conference. NEW members of CGSA will also benefit as they receive half off a "FULL" registration package. The theme **Set Sail for Success** will follow through with numerous management related educational opportunities as part of the program.
- In October of 2016, the CGSA Board of Directors revised the **Continuing Education Credits (CEC's) for Regional Conferences to be equal to that of National Conferences increasing credits to one credit for every hour of education.**
- The **2017 Trade Show** will be unlike any other. It will take place in the **Crystal Garden** which features a glass roof and walls that will bring the outdoors in so expect to feel a more relaxed and positive energy to the vibe of the show. It will be very intimate and although smaller in square footage it will deliver the ambience, feel and experience like no other trade show we have held!
- The CGSA continues to **advocate** for the Canadian Golf Superintendent profession. The recent re-evaluation of Chlorothalonil and Iprodione are two examples of how the CGSA works on behalf of our industry.
- The CGSA has developed new business partnerships with the **British Columbia Golf Superintendents Association (BCGSA)**, the **Alberta Golf Superintendents Association (AGSA)**, the **Canadian Society of Club Managers (CSCM)** and the newly formed partnership with the **Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)**.
- The CGSA continues its involvement with a seat at the table at the **National Allied Golf Associations (NAGA)** working cooperatively with our allied partners at **NGCOA, CSCM, PGA Canada, and Golf Canada**. We continue lobby efforts on the fair tax issue at Parliament Hill. If successful, this would create the opportunity for increased revenue streams to golf courses across the country.

This is just the beginning! We will continue to focus on education and accreditation, advocacy, profiling the profession, representation for the industry, as well as provincial and international relations.

Thank you for your support and involvement in your National association! Supporting CGSA through membership helps the Superintendent profession and helps us maintain our voice at the table among the golf industry and NAGA.

The CGSA represents golf course superintendents from across Canada. Its mission is to promote and support superintendents and their profession. The association is also committed to environmentally sustainable practices with respect to the management of golf course properties.

Sincerely,

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