



## Founding Director of Canadian Golf Superintendents Association Passes Away



On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA), it is with great sadness that we inform you that Gordon Witteveen one of the founding member's of CGSA passed away last night at the age of 76.

Gordon Witteveen was born in The Netherlands in 1934 and came to Canada twenty years later and attended the Ontario Agricultural College, earning a science degree in 1958. During summer vacations he worked on the Noranda Mines Golf Club in western Quebec. That experience plus his Guelph education was sufficient for his first superintendent's position at the London Highland Golf Club in Ontario where he remained for three years. His next move was to the now defunct Northwood Country Club north of Toronto. It was during this period that he became involved with the birth of the CGSA and *The Green Master*. In 1973 he moved to the 36-hole Board of Trade Country Club in Woodbridge, Ontario. He designed and built an additional 9-hole short course to the Board of Trade complex. In 1999 Witteveen retired and operated his own 9-hole Pleasant View Golf Course near Brantford, Ontario.

- Founding Director of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association and member (1966)
- Founding editor of CGSA's *GreenMaster* magazine and later a featured columnist
- President of CGSA (1970)
- GCSAA Board member (1973-1977)
- CGSA's Superintendent of the Year (1983)
- CGSA's John B. Steel Distinguished Service Award Winner (1999)
- Co-author, 2008 *Keeping the Green in Canada "A History of Golf Course Management"*.

Thank you Gordon for your outstanding contributions as a Golf Superintendent, to the profession and to CGSA. You will be greatly missed!

A donation will be made in Gordon's memory to the CGSA Scholar's Fund, which is used to support future turf professionals in completing their studies.

A private funeral will be held within the next few days in Toronto, with a memorial service planned for after the holidays at the Board of Trade Country Club in Woodbridge. More details to follow.