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president's report

Caralynn Cullen
Truro Golf Club

It's really hard to imagine another season is coming to an end.

I feel most courses have had their challenges with lack of moisture followed by a very long stretch of high humidity; it seems every year we need to adapt our course programming to the ongoing changes in the weather patterns. I think we all need to congratulate ourselves on a job well done as we start planning for the 2019 season.

The 2018 AGSA Scramble was played at Royal Oaks Golf Club located in Moncton, NB. We had 29 teams participate this year, with at least 15 of teams representing golf clubs around the Atlantic Region. Many thanks go to Course Superintendent Kevin Wentzell and his staff for producing a fabulous product for the entire field to enjoy for the day. Thanks to Jim Nix, Nadine Shaffer and scramble committee for organizing a fantastic event. Congratulations going to Kris Currie and the Country View Golf Club for taking home the prestigious title, great job boys!

Finally, the 2019 Atlantic Turfgrass Conference will be held in NS at the Lord Nelson Hotel, from February 19th, 20th and 21st. The Conference Committee, Jim Nix and Sue Crawford have been working hard to put together a great line-up of speakers plus providing a wide variety of products and services at the Trade Show. I urge all members to mark it on your calendars; it's a great opportunity to learn at a very reasonable cost. I look forward to seeing everyone in February.

Caralynn





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The end of our golf season in Atlantic Canada is finally upon us.

I hope this issue of the turf news finds you heading towards the wind down mode that only November can bring. We have all had the challenges of dealing with many changes over the summer. Changes in weather, staff, board of directors and ownership have all thrown us the odd curve ball during the 2018 season.

The season of 2018 was also a season of change for me. I would first like to apologize to the board and you, our members, for not keeping up with my commitment of communications within the association. In August of this year I took a new position as Superintendent at Glasgow Hills Golf Club. Needless to say the rest of the summer was kinda busy. It was a new challenge under some very sad circumstances. The tragic passing of our friend and colleague Nathan Mackay, left a hole in Glasgow Hills and left a void in us all after his untimely death.

My new position came with many "Changes" personally and professionally. This change has led me to think of the many changes we make in our day as superintendents. This issue has taken on the theme of change and the challenges, struggles and success that comes with change.

I want to thank our regular contributors for their continued writing of articles and their wise words of knowledge. The AGSA had another successful scramble and our now in the process of finalizing the details of our 2019 conference. We will also be bringing on-line a new and updated website in the months ahead.

I hope everyone had a terrific summer and you are able to take the end of our season and spend it with those family and friends you may have not seen much of over the course of your busy summer.

Sincerely,

Mark Perry

Turf News Editor

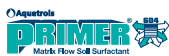
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CHANGE MANAGEMENT LESSONS ABOUT EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

By Susan M. Heathfield (Updated June 30, 2018)

A wise person once said never to expect one hundred percent support from any individual who was not personally involved in devising a change which had an impact on his work. The wise person was right.

People don't mind change once they get used to the idea and have had the opportunity to have an impact on the direction of the change. Even asking an employee's opinion and then later choosing another direction is significantly better than never giving the employee a voice in the change at all.

Creating a work environment in which employees feel as if they have the power to initiate change is also positive and a tribute to your work culture. But, more frequently, employees find themselves caught up in changes that others are initiating.

In these instances, what employees do mind is being changed. Having no voice in a change that will affect their job or workflow is treating your adult employees

like children. They resent it, and you have created something for them to push back against—never a good situation when you need your employees to change.

In any change, especially ones that affect a complete organization, it is impossible to involve every employee in each decision. Respondents to our change management questions over the years suggest, however, that when change works, the organization has gone out of its way to use employee involvement.

Employee involvement is the difference between sad and unhappy foot draggers and engaged, excited employees who were trusted to give their input. You don't want to create the first when you need change to occur in your workplace.

Employee Involvement in Effective Change Management

These are steps you'll want to follow as you involve your employees in helping make a change

- Create a plan for involving as many people as possible, as early as possible, in the change process. You need to make this plan with your change team, your senior managers, whoever will be leading the charge with the change. This senior or management team plays a critical role in building and developing support for change.
- Involve all stakeholders, process owners, and employees who will feel the impact of the changes, as much as possible, in the learning, planning, decisions, and implementation of the change. Often, in change management, a small group of employees learns important information about change and change management.
- If they fail to share the information with the rest of the employees, the remaining employees will have trouble catching up with the learning curve. It is a significant point in change management. You cannot leave any employees behind.
- If a small group makes the change management plans, employees affected by the decisions will not have had needed time to analyze, think about, and adjust to the new ideas. If you leave employees behind, at any stage of the process, you open the door in your change management process, for misunderstanding, resistance, and hurt.
- Even if employees cannot affect the overall decision about change, involve each employee in meaningful decisions about their work unit and their work. One effective way to do this is at the departmental level.
- When the changes are in process, talk to your team and then, to each employee individually. Your purpose in having these conversations is to let each employee participate in identifying the impact of the decisions on their job.
- Build measurement systems into the change process that tell people when they are succeeding or failing. Provide consequences in either case. Employees who are positively working with the change need rewards and recognition.
- After allowing some time for employees to pass through the predictable stages of change, negative consequences for failure to adopt the changes, are needed. You cannot allow the nay-sayers to continue on their negative path forever; they sap your organization of time, energy, and focus, and eventually, affect the morale of the positive many.
- The key is to know, during your change management process, when to say, enough is enough. Most organizations wait too long, and employees have a powerful opportunity to inflict damage on all of your hopes and dreams.

Help employees feel as if they are involved in a change management process that is larger than themselves by taking these actions to involve employees in making the needed changes effectively. I guarantee that, when the progress of the changes is measured, you'll be happy that you did.



Irrigation Corner

Another summer of firsts, on the weather front. With some areas experiencing, the driest and wettest season, all in the same province.

There is no question our seasons are changing, and rogue storms are becoming normal events, while tamer weather conditions are disappearing.

How do we prepare our irrigation systems for these seasonal changes and the additional operating stresses that this can create? Three key things that come to mind on this subject, education, maintenance, and budgets.

Education applies to both the operators and owners/members. With the dry conditions being experienced systems are working harder and also aging. This combination leads to increased maintenance requirements, which in turn requires a greater knowledge base from the irrigation tech in terms of trouble shooting and specialized equipment. The other side of education relates to the owners/members who often times view irrigation as out of sight, out of mind. Unlike equipment they see every day don't understand the sophistication or related costs to properly maintain the system.


Maintenance is key to having a properly operating system when it is needed. However even with the best maintenance plans and service schedules, operating hours and age will have their effect. Here in Atlantic Canada many irrigation systems are reaching the normal expected life span. Although our systems don't operate 12 months of the year, they go through a blow-out, process, and a start-up process and depending on location and winter conditions several freeze and thaw cycles. Pre-planning for updating and replacement are key elements to prevent major failures in season.

Budgets are always a big issue with any business and golf over the past few years has certainly seen this trend. The common thread being please do more with less. Unfortunately the out of sight out mind out-look is often applied to irrigation system budgets by owners and boards. As mentioned above the combination of more use and aging equipment will demand higher maintenance budgets. The hard part with irrigation is many of the components go for years without issue or costs. However when there are problems especially with pump stations the costs are higher. Often time's clubs have spent very little in the pump house on service and board members are surprised by the costs of repairs. However when compared to the costs to maintain other types of mowing equipment with similar purchase value, factor in the number of years of no costs, the annual maintenance cost is the lowest operating number of all the equipment. Bottom line excellent pre-planning coupled with great education of both staff and members will go a long way in keeping the system updated and functioning properly.

On a personal note our thoughts and prayers are with Nathan MacKay's family and friends as they slowly work through the sad loss of their loved one.

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Season of Change

Mark Perry

*Head Superintendent,
Glasgow Hills Resort & Golf Club*



The season of 2018 was one of change for me both personally and professionally.

Under some tragic circumstances, the passing of our friend and colleague, Nathan Mackay, I assumed his role as Head Superintendent at Glasgow Hills Golf Club. My time at the Rustico Resort had left me with great experiences and lessons learned in the industry. I was ready to accept the challenges of a new position and the changes that came with it.

The Glasgow Hills Golf Club is a daily fee, public golf course with a great deal of green fee play and membership play. Nathan and his staff had taken tremendous pride in delivering a great product to

people in one of the most beautiful settings on PEI. In my first talk with the staff I wanted to make it clear that I wasn't going to rock the boat. The staff had done a tremendous job of looking after the golf course, my job was to come in and steer the ship, so to speak.

The new job brought with it many changes. Some of which I was ready for, and others that were going to require more learning. New ownership, new staff, new equipment, new irrigation system and learning all the nuances of a new property were on the top of the list. As with any property, all these areas had their strengths and weaknesses. The most challenging part of being at a new property was the prioritizing and balancing of all of these new components.

Change #1

As in my last Job change from Countryview Golf Club to the Rustico Resort, I was blessed to inherit a group of hard-working and selfless individuals to get into the trenches with. Their intimate knowledge of the property and their familiarity the requirements of the course required made my transition smoother. Each and every one of the people on staff stepped up and did what they had to do to keep the property in tremendous condition. As the weeks progressed I introduced a few changes and they were more than willing to give them a try.

Change #2

Probably one of the most significant changes was that of learning to deal with grasses in a new environment, moving from clay/topsoil based greens to sand based greens. This brought with it new agronomic responsibilities

and different water requirements (I could write a whole other article on that). Through my daily interactions with the property and learning from the staff, we were able to make our way through the season relatively well. My biggest takeaway from learning about the property was how different areas of the property responded to similar inputs. I had a better understanding of what our industry colleagues refer to as micro-climates.

Change #3

As with any new position, adjusting to the new management and ownership structure can present challenges. Coming into Glasgow Hills this season was particularly difficult not only because of the tragedy of Nathan's passing, but there were multiple other management changes as well. I must commend the ownership and pro-shop staff for their extensive efforts in giving our guests a great golfing experience all summer long. I must also heap some praise toward our ownership group for their efforts in supporting the Mackay family as the season progressed. Their selfless gestures of kindness and support to Nathan's family were both compassionate and heart warming.

Change #4

Within our profession we all struggle with our work-life balance. This past season was particularly challenging. As most of you could imagine, trying to balance the concerns of the property with the well-being of myself and my family was challenging. There were a lot of nights where I didn't sleep well, some family events that were missed and some jobs around the house that didn't get done. My biggest take away from this scenario was that of being able to remember to look after myself first. I know that may come off as being selfish, but if you physically and emotionally can't be present and involved in your job, you are not doing anyone any good. You gotta get for that walk, run, or bike ride that takes your mind away from all that can consume you.

Change #5

I have always been the type of person to ask a colleague of his or hers' opinion when some doubt creeps in. This season was no different as I found myself calling on friends to give me their two cents on a subject. We are blessed in this industry to have such a camaraderie and willingness to help one another. Turf grass colleagues and salespeople in our industry can be a tremendous help when encountering some challenge or concern. I want to thank those around me for their support this past season and look forward to returning the favour for you all at some point.

The 2018 season will be remembered for a varied amount of emotions. Sadness, excitement, concern, gratefulness, sleep deprivation, frustration and pride would be some of the feelings I had felt. This range of emotion takes a toll on our minds and body. I wish I could be the type of person to leave it all behind at the end of the day, but I'm not quite there yet. I do take pride in the sense that I am getting better at it. I hope you all can find a way to leave your work behind and enjoy the life in front of you.

The passing of our friend and colleague Nathan MacKay will not soon be forgotten. Nathan was a friend, a father, a husband, a son and a resident in our superintendent fraternity. His loss is something that all those associated with Glasgow Hills will never forget and someday our hearts will ache a little less. His effort and willingness to be who he was will never be forgotten by his staff, myself, or those that had a chance to know him. RIP Nathan.

Mark Perry

Glasgow Hills Golf Club, New Glasgow, PEI

2019 ATLANTIC TURFGRASS CONFERENCE



With plans well under way for our 2019 Conference, we wanted to let you know a little about the event. First of all and for those that do not know, the conference this year is back in Halifax at the Lord Nelson Hotel. The Lord Nelson is located right in the heart of downtown Halifax and we are being offered a great rate of \$119 per room, based on single or double occupancy. This hotel has recently undergone a major renovation and I am sure you will be very pleased with your accommodations.

The dates this year are from the 19th – 21st of February, with pre-conference seminars on the Tuesday and the education program on Wednesday and Thursday. You will soon be receiving our brochure and registration information but for now, put those dates in your calendar!

We are once again, quite excited about the program this year, starting off with Dr. Bill Kreuser. Dr. Kreuser will be delivering a 4 hour seminar on “Driving your growth rate”, which will include the latest research on PGR’s, sensing N levels and scheduling N fertilization and how growth rate, turf performance and inputs all interact. Dr. Kreuser is an Assistant Professor and Extension Turfgrass Specialist at UNL – University of Nebraska – Lincoln. You can find him on Twitter as @UNLturf should you like to see what he is doing.

The afternoon will feature concurrent sessions and remind you that space is limited so please sign up early. The first session will be with Chris Tritabaugh, whom we have had the pleasure of speaking a few years back at our conference. Chris is doing a 4 hour seminar that will focus on bentgrass management and all the things he has learned since he was last here.

The other session in the afternoon is being put on by our Education Program sponsor, Syngenta and it is entitled “The Art of Application” and will be designed to discuss all of the aspects of pesticide application. It will be a must for many of you seeking pesticide points as we are hoping to have it approved for maximum points by all of the various provinces. This will be a 3 hour

session and as mentioned, space is definitely limited for this one.

Your one day fee for the seminars will cover Dr. Kreuser’s seminar in the morning and one of the two afternoon sessions.

Some of the other speakers on the program include Jim Abraham, President of Climactic Services. Jim will be discussing Climate Change & Extreme Weather, a topic I am sure we are all interested in, especially after this summer. Jim was formerly a Senior Executive with Environment Canada and you can find him on twitter at @YHZweatherguy. For those on Twitter, a must follow for sure.

Steve Loveday of Turf Fuels will be speaking on “Tips for optimizing Turf Performance with nutrition, biostimulants and plant defense activators”

Keith Cutten of Cutten Golf Design will be on the program discussing Minimalistic Design

We will also be bringing back our Superintendent’s panel this year, with Mike Deyoung as our moderator. This highly interactive session is always a highlight of the conference and we expect this year to be no exception, with many courses suffering through insect issues especially. Be sure to attend and learn what fellow superintendents have been doing to address this issue and many others.

That is just an overview of what we are putting together. There is still more to come and be sure to check out the full program when it becomes available. Please register early as it ensures you get to hear the seminars you want and it obviously helps our host committee with planning the event.

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Nathan

Remembered by Paul MacCormack
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We meet lots of people on our journey through this life. Most that pass us by have but a small impact; a subtle lesson, a kind word, or thoughtful gesture. Some are struggling when our paths cross and they can serve to show us a different viewpoint. But once in a while we are fortunate enough to meet a person who changes us in a deeper, more profound sense. When these people leave us well before their time, they leave an indelible mark.

I first met Nathan Mackay back in 1999, a scant nineteen years ago. He was a fresh faced eager young chap, looking to devote himself to the art and craft of green keeping. We spent three years working together assembling Glasgow Hills Golf Course under the direction and tutelage of Marc Altese. We worked hard, learned lots, but most of all we had fun. That was the best part of working with Nathan and becoming his close friend-- there were always occasions for laughter.

I then moved on to take a job elsewhere but Nathan and Marc continued to mold Glasgow Hills into a top-notch facility. Marc left a number of years later and Nathan became the natural leader he was always meant to be. He continued to apply his craft and never stopped learning. Nathan was also one of those Superintendents whom employees automatically respected. Although his turf ability was second to none, that wasn't it. It was because Nathan treated people with compassion and kindness. He treated people like, well, like they deserved to be treated.

One of the other things you instinctively knew about Nathan was that he was going to be a wonderful partner and father someday. He was lucky enough to find the love his life early on. He met his wife to be, Vicki, on the bus when they were 8 years old. They grew up together, eventually married and had three beautiful children; Nolan, Duncan, and Lydia. You would not find a more devoted husband and dad than Nathan. To say that he will be greatly missed by his family would not even begin to touch their sorrow at his passing.

One of the best attributes of a good friend is that no matter when you call or drop in, it feels like you never left. You instinctively pick up right where you left off. That was Nathan through and through. He was always there with a kind word of encouragement, a good laugh or a smile. One of Nathan's other gifts was that of being a great listener. He had the rare ability to be completely present when you spoke with him, and that made you feel like you were the only person that mattered...a rare gift indeed.

So, good bye Nathan. Your passing has left a space that will not be filled the same way ever again. As time passes, I will choose to fill that space with your memory and with gratitude that knows no boundaries. It's a simple but profound gratitude; a gratefulness for having you as someone whom I called... friend.



Don't Fall Apart In The Fall

Jamie Matheson

Head Mechanic

Brudenell River / Dundarave golf courses

Hard to believe I am sitting here writing an article for the fall Turf News again. The beautiful weather and busy golf course this summer has kept the shop hopping, and the time has slipped away. I've found it's always easy to get a little justifiedly lazy in the fall, especially after the hectic hours all summer. The problem is the winter will eventually slip away too, and before long I'll be sitting here writing an article for the spring turf news and wondering where the time went. The spring is a lot busier than fall, and I have never had anything fix itself over the winter. In order to get ready for next season, a little effort now will pay dividends and maybe allow some piece of mind later.

Over the last couple of weeks I have been going through the shop, parts room, and storage to get rid of some old stuff that has been kicking around. It is great to hold on to stuff but everything has an expiry date. The problem I find with clutter is occasionally it will actually hide something useful (My kids don't believe me, but that's my story and I'm sticking to it). Missing parts and long lost tools have a way or magically reappearing when you finally make time to root around and clean up the shop. And if nothing else, getting rid of stuff that hasn't

been used for years makes room for more junk in the spring. It's kind of like the circle of life for old turf equipment.

At Brudenell River/Dundarave we have a steam cleaner. There are many benefits to having this piece of equipment. One good reason is we have all seen the results of leaving a vehicle sitting in long grass. It doesn't take long for the vehicle to rust out. Leaving damp rotting grass sitting in our equipment is basically doing the same thing. After they are cleaned it also gives you a chance to go over the machines to check for any weakness in hydraulic lines and other parts.

There is a lot of great spring booking programs out there. Some offer a percentage discount as well as holding off payment to the spring. These programs are great if you are getting short on your budget as it lets you take care of some of these repairs in the slower fall rather than the busy spring. It is also a great time to go through your inventory and stock up on your fast moving parts.

We have a Foley grinder here. In the fall I still like to put a relief grind on our tee and fairway mowers. After I grind in the fall I put a coat of Fluid Film on the reels. There are many

great products out there that will do the same thing check with your local automotive store. I like to keep the rust off over the winter.

We also like to give the shop a good cleaning in the fall and this year we are actually going to attempt to paint! Wish me luck! My personal experience is when the crew comes back to a clean shop they are more likely to respect it and keep it that way.

We have found here if we put a good fuel additive in when we are storing the equipment in the winter we have a lot less problems in the spring. There is a lot of good products out there check with your local automotive shop.

Any equipment that is missing paint fall is a great time to patch it up. Even if you don't get paint back on Blue Steel or a equal product will stop the rust from spreading.

I hope everyone has a wonderful winter season. Hopefully the ice will stay at the ice rinks, curling clubs, and glasses of eggnog instead of on our precious greens.

***Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year from Brudenell River /
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