

# GLAGS YEAR END REPORT

November 28, 2018

The GLAGS association started off the 2018 season once again with its annual winter seminar which was held at West Haven Golf & Country Club on March 27<sup>th</sup>. There were over eighty attendees and the seminar included speakers: Dr. Jesse Benelli from The Chicago District Turfgrass Association, Dr. Janice Gilbert, Phragmites Specialist, and Chris Vasey from the Ministry of Labor. During the season, GLAGS held six monthly events at the following clubs: Stratford Municipal, Westminster Trails, Tarandowah, Pine Knot, Blackhorse and Innerkip Highlands. All events had great attendance numbers including over 100 golfers at the final event at Innerkip Highlands. It was another successful year financially for the GLAGS association as we were able to donate \$2500.00 to the Children's Health Foundation in London. GLAGS also registered two Superintendents to attend the OTRF Golf Tournament at LeBovic as well as registering two Assistant Superintendents to attend the Assistants' tournament in Listowel. These were initiatives to promote the attendance of our first two events of the season where we draw names of GLAGS members who attend the first events, which as a result has improved attendance at these events and has given our members an opportunity to attend OGSA events and provide representation from the GLAGS Association.

As for the weather in the GLAGS region, it was a tale of two seasons. Spring was late with May & June on the dry side and many superintendents were evaluating their water supplies. The weather made the switch with temperatures heating up in July and August along with the amount of rainfall. Irrigation systems were used sparingly in August and September. By the third week of October, temperatures dropped significantly with continued wet conditions. Fall clean-up dragged on making winter preparations difficult and narrowing opportunities for applying winter fungicides.

For details on upcoming events with the GLAGS association, please go to [www.glags.ca](http://www.glags.ca).