



As we move into the heart of summer, another busy golf season is well underway across Ontario. Courses are in peak condition, clubs are fully operational, and maintenance teams are working tirelessly to deliver outstanding playing conditions for golfers every day. It is an exciting time of year, and it is inspiring to see our members showcasing the professionalism, dedication, and passion that continue to elevate our industry.

One of the most encouraging signs of the strength of our association has been the exceptional level of member engagement. The response to our 2026 events has been nothing short of remarkable and speaks volumes about the value our members place on connecting, learning, and supporting one another.

The enthusiasm surrounding our annual Assistants' Tournament has been overwhelming. It is incredibly rewarding to see so many assistant superintendents eager to participate, build relationships, and invest in their professional development. Events like this help cultivate the next generation of leaders within our profession. We are extremely grateful to the golf courses, assistants and superintendents who go out of their way to champion these opportunities, working with their boards and memberships to open their facilities and make room in busy schedules to host OGSA events. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Duncan McIlhone, Mark Piccolo and Galt Country Club team for their outstanding support in hosting this year's event. Their commitment allows assistants to experience courses they might not otherwise have access to, while gaining exposure to the craftsmanship, standards, and ideas that exist across our industry.

As we look ahead, we encourage assistants to continue the conversations started at this event with their peers, and to work with their superintendents and boards to explore hosting opportunities. Expanding access to great facilities not only strengthens this event but also enriches the development of our future leaders by broadening their perspectives and benchmarking experiences. With continued support, we can ensure even more meaningful opportunities for assistants across Ontario in the years to come.

The excitement continues with the 5th annual OGSA Championship event. As our membership continues to grow and member engagement reaches new heights, it became clear that we need to evolve alongside our members. This fall, we are excited to explore an expansion of the Championship into a two-day event hosted across two outstanding golf courses, creating additional opportunities for participation, networking, and fellowship. This approach will also allow us to enhance the player experience, with a targeted maximum of 120 players per course, providing a more relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere for all involved.

This growth is a testament to the strength of our association and, most importantly, to you—our members. Your enthusiasm and support continue to drive the OGSA forward. While we may

not immediately reach full capacity across both venues, working toward a more sustainable event model that meets member demand is an important goal, and this year presents an ideal opportunity to pilot this approach. A special thank you goes to The Rock Golf Club and Rocky Crest Golf Resort for partnering with us to accommodate this exciting evolution. We encourage those considering attending to register and experience the event firsthand. We look forward to welcoming participants to Muskoka this fall for what promises to be another memorable Championship.

As we move through the busiest stretch of the season, I also want to encourage everyone to continue making personal wellness a priority. The demands of our profession are significant, particularly during the summer months, and maintaining both your physical and mental well-being is essential. Take time whenever possible to be with your family and friends, enjoy moments away from work, and recharge.

Perhaps most importantly, continue to lean on the incredible network that makes our profession so special. The friendships and professional relationships you have built throughout your career are one of the greatest strengths of the OGSA. Never hesitate to reach out to a colleague when you need support or simply someone who understands the unique challenges we all face. At the end of the day, we are all part of the same community, and we are strongest when we support one another.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Ontario Golf Superintendents' Association, thank you for your continued commitment to our profession and to our association. I wish you a safe, successful, and enjoyable summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events and in Muskoka this fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kevin Collier".

Kevin Collier, President
Ontario Golf Superintendents' Association