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CGSA Announces Ben White as the 2019 CGSA Toro Assistant Superintendent of the Year Award Winner

MISSISSAUGA, ON - The Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA) and The Toro Company are pleased to announce Mr. Ben White, Assistant Superintendent from the Markland Wood Golf Club in Etobicoke, Ontario, as the CGSA/Toro Assistant Superintendent of the Year Award winner for 2019.



The CGSA/Toro Assistant Superintendent of the Year award recognizes the specific achievements of a golf course assistant superintendent whose performance and contributions to the success of the facility go beyond those that would normally be expected. The award is presented to an individual who has contributed to his or her golf facility in a significant way and who has demonstrated professionalism, leadership, innovation and a team approach in their work.

Ben has been in the golf course industry for 27 years. He is going into his 13th season with the Markland Wood Golf Club. Prior to Markland Wood Ben was Chemical/Irrigation Technician from 2002-2007 at Lambton Golf and Country Club and 1999-2002 at Weston Golf and Country Club. Owen Russell, MS nominated Ben for this award and said, "Superintendents face many challenges to provide playing conditions given the weather and budgets that they are provided. Ben was highly involved in the devastating flood repairs we completed in 2013, the greens resurfacing project as a result of ice damage in 2014 and the construction of a new practice facility in 2016. It makes the challenge much easier when you have a trustworthy, dedicated partner to assist you. We started our golf course maintenance careers together in March of 1992 at Weston Golf and Country Club. I have witnessed Ben grow from a young 15-year-old with a weed eater in his hand into the well-respected industry professional he is today. He has invested 27 years of hard work into three private clubs in the Toronto area. Ben's experience is coupled with his technical expertise as he completed both the Short Course at the University of Guelph and the Penn State Turfgrass Management World Campus Program. In my opinion, Ben White is the Assistant Superintendent of the year, every year."

"Those closest to Ben White describe him like this. He goes above and beyond in all things. He exemplifies the highest standard of integrity. Ben is someone that leads by example. He is a quiet leader. Ben is the go to guy. He makes everyone around him better. Add the above qualities to 27 years of experience in the golf industry and ladies and gentlemen, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate Ben White, the 2019 CGSA/Toro Assistant Superintendent of the Year Award recipient."

- Greg Austin, CGSA President

"Toro is proud to honour outstanding Assistant Superintendents, like Ben, who represent the next generation of industry leaders. We look forward to hosting Ben and a group of his Assistant Superintendent peers for networking and education during the upcoming Toro Experience for Assistant Superintendents"

- Josh Tubbs, Sr. Marketing Manager, The Toro Company

As the CGSA/Toro Assistant Superintendent of the Year winner, Ben will receive an "All-Access" registration to **The Canadian** 2020 Golf Course Management Conference in Ottawa, Ontario from March 1-5, 2020, 4 nights' accommodation and transportation costs. Toro will provide a stipend for meals and incidental expenses during the conference. Ben is also invited to attend the Toro Experience for Assistant Superintendents, an exclusive event hosted at The Toro Company Headquarters in Bloomington MN in August of each year, including round-trip airfare and accommodations during the event.

Congratulations to Ben White on being named the CGSA/Toro Assistant Superintendent of the Year for 2019! We hope you will come out and congratulate Ben on winning this award during the CGSA Awards Luncheon on Monday, March 2, 2020. To register for the conference or to attend the awards ceremony please visit <https://golfsupers.com/ottawa2020>.

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About CGSA

The CGSA represents golf course superintendents, assistant superintendents, equipment technicians, and others involved in golf course management across Canada. CGSA was founded in 1966 and has approximately 1,000 members. Its mission is to promote excellence in golf course management and environmental responsibility through the continuing professional development of its members. For more information please visit www.golfsupers.com.