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## ***CGSA Announces Ron Allen as the 2019 CGSA/Foley Company Equipment Technician of the Year Award Winner***



MISSISSAUGA, ON - The Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA) and Foley Company are pleased to announce Ron Allen, Equipment Technician from Muskoka Lakes Golf and Country Club in Port Carling, Ontario, as the CGSA/Foley Company Equipment Technician of the Year Award winner for 2019.

The CGSA/Foley Company Equipment Technician of the Year Award is presented annually to the technician whose nomination is judged to be the best example of an individual who exhibits professionalism, innovation and a team approach to make a significant contribution to their golf facility and the golf community.

As the winner of this award, Ron 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 at the Westin Ottawa Hotel and transportation costs.

Ron Allen has been a CGSA member since 2005. Jim Flett, AGS nominated him for this award and said, "I've been fortunate to have Ron Allen as Equipment Technician for the past 16 years at Muskoka Lakes Golf & Country Club. Ron appreciates the need to implement cultural methods and practices that enhance the playability of the golf course. He has become extremely well informed in this area attending continued education seminars and getting engaged with other equipment techs and industry reps across the country at CGSA conferences. Ron's giving goes beyond the greens into helping other departments at the Club ultimately providing superb playing conditions throughout the season in making Muskoka Lakes Golf & Country Club the well-conditioned course it is. He keeps all this running smoothly without the aid of an assistant. Ron sees the big picture and recognizes the shortage of technicians coming into the workforce. He has reached out to local school counselors and spoke to high school students as well as working with the Tech Program at Georgian College to make them more aware of the Golf Equipment Technician profession and the technology involved and to encourage the industry as a profession. Ron is a true team player and is the most self-less guy I know. The bottom line is that Ron is an invaluable asset to our department, our Club and our industry and now is the right time for him to be recognized!"

"Without question, behind the scenes of every great golf course is a great equipment technician. This is certainly the case at Muskoka Lakes Golf & Country Club, which is the home of the 2019 CGSA/Foley Company Equipment Technician of the Year award winner, Ron Allen.

I had the pleasure of phoning Ron to let him know he is being recognized as 2019's top Canadian equipment technician. Ron is known for being selfless, passionate, enthusiastic, and incredibly gracious and all of those characteristics came through during our short conversation together. Congratulations Ron. Very well deserved!"

- Greg Austin, CGSA President

"Foley Company is pleased to hear that Ron Allen has been announced as this year's CGSA/Foley Company Equipment Technician of the Year. Foley's proud to recognize people like Ron and all he represents in his profession and it's a testament from his peers in our industry. From what we've learned he has been someone not only dedicated to maintaining high quality standards when it comes to equipment, but he encourages those around him and goes out of his way to help anyone asking with zero expectations of anything in return. Well done Ron, congratulations from the Foley Company!"

- Greg Turner, Global Sales Leader, Foley Company, LLC

We hope you will come out and congratulate Ron on winning this award during the CGSA Awards Luncheon on Monday, March 2, 2020 where he will be presented with his award. 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](http://www.golfsupers.com).