

# CGSA Announces David Boyd as the 2019 CGSA John B. Steel Distinguished Service Award Recipient for 2019

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Mississauga, ON (December 17, 2019) - The Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA) is pleased to announce Mr. David Boyd, AGS Emeritus recently retired Superintendent of Heritage Pointe Golf Club in Calgary, Alberta as the CGSA John B. Steel Distinguished Service Award recipient for 2019.



The CGSA John B. Steel Award commemorates the CGSA's first President, who was also the first superintendent to be inducted into the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame. This award is presented annually to an individual, chosen by the CGSA Board of Directors, who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession of Golf Course Superintendent. The recipient is presented with an original soap stone carving designed and carved by Bill Fach, retired Master Superintendent and former CGSA President.

David and his wife Brenda will receive an "All-Access" registration to **The Canadian** Golf Course Management Conference in Ottawa, Ontario from March 1-5, 2020, 4 nights' accommodation and transportation costs. David will be presented with the prestigious John B. Steel Award at the CGSA Awards Luncheon at the Westin Ottawa on Monday, March 2, 2020.

David has been a CGSA member since 1982 and he has held the Accredited Golf Superintendent (AGS) designation for 13 years. He was elected to the CGSA Board of Directors in 1989 and served as association president in 1996.

He began his career in 1976 working for Dean Morrison, MS at the Willow Park Golf & Country Club. David spent his entire superintendents' career at two golf clubs in Alberta. The Windermere Golf & Country Club in Edmonton from 1986 to 1991 and the Heritage Pointe Golf Club in Calgary from 1991 to 2019. David was one of six founding members of the Alberta Golf Superintendents Association (AGSA) in 1986 and he served as the AGSA President in 2004. In his 43 years in the golf industry he has served on various committees and hosted many amateur and professional tour events.

David was named the winner of the CGSA Superintendent of the Year in 2009 and named the recipient of the AGSA Walter Gooder Distinguished Service Award in 2013.

"David Boyd is a legend in our profession. I first met him as an Olds College student when our Turf Club toured his maintenance facility. I recall him being humble, generous, stoic, kind and very generous with his time. Most of all, I remember wanting to be like him. David can be credited with inspiring and mentoring too many superintendents to count. By account of his closest peers, he is known for providing impeccable course conditions and some of the finest bentgrass greens in Western Canada. There's no question David has had a profound effect on many who are honoured to follow in his footsteps" - Greg Austin, CGSA President.

"What a surprise it is to be this year's recipient of the John B. Steel Award. I was able to meet Mr. Steel and appreciate what he represents in Canadian golf course management and his dedication to the industry so I'm extremely honoured to accept this Award!" - David Boyd, AGS Emeritus

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and CGSA members, I extend our congratulations to David Boyd on his selection as the 2019 John B. Steel Distinguished Service Award winner!

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The CGSA represents golf course superintendents from across Canada. Its mission is to promote and support superintendents and their profession. The association is also committed to environmentally sustainable practices with respect to the management of golf course properties.