



British Columbia Golf Superintendents Association

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MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE

Mission Statement

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Overview

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The British Columbia Golf Superintendents Association was incorporated on November 17, 1995. On December 12, 1995 representatives from each region met to enact changes to the Bylaws to form the basic structure of a unified provincial association, as mandated by the membership.

There are currently over 375 members within the Association and five regions consisting of: Interior, Kootenay, Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, and the Northern region.

One **purpose** of the BCGSA is to promote Golf Course Superintendent, and to achieve more recognition for the Superintendent as a professional on golf course maintenance and the culture of fine turf and to promote the science of turf maintenance.

The **BCGSA** promotes fraternity, benevolence, justice, and mutual understanding to and for our members.

The **BCGSA** encourages, promotes, and participates in Turfgrass **Research** and the interchange of scientific and practical knowledge relating to the care of golf courses. This results in more and efficient golf operations, better turf, and the best possible playing conditions for golfers of all abilities.

The **BCGSA** recognizes and promotes the value of **education** and sponsors, whenever possible, conferences, meetings, and exhibitions for the benefit of our members and the turfgrass industry.

The **BCGSA** also cooperates with many other Associations whose interests run parallel or compliment our own.

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BCGSA Membership Benefits

As a member, your annual contribution helps to fund a wide range of programs that aim to enhance and achieve more recognition for the Superintendent as a professional on golf course maintenance and the culture /promotion of fine turf maintenance.

Here's What You Receive as Contributing Member:

- Promotion of "you" as the Professional
- Leadership opportunities to be proactive in the golf industry
- Research information and practical knowledge relating to golf course care
- Scholarship support
- Opportunities to attend education seminars, conferences, meetings, exhibitions
- CEC Tracking for Pesticide Certification Renewal
- Involvement in many golf associations whose interest run parallel to the BCGSA
- Membership Roster, which lists all participating members, contact numbers and meeting dates. Also includes industry representatives.
- Volunteer opportunities on the BCGSA Board and various committees
- DogWood Magazines (3) per year, Newsletters, surveys, industry information
- Employment opportunities - assistance in obtaining employment
- Website involvement / communication source

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER AND FEE STRUCTURE:

Membership in the Association shall be limited to persons who meet the qualifications and whose application for admission as members has received the approval of the Board of Directors. Each application for membership in the Association shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his/her qualifications to the Association. The Board of Directors shall be the sole judge of the applicant's qualifications for membership.

Any person who desires to become a member of the Association shall file an application with the Secretary of a region. An application shall obtain, among other things, a concise statement of the applicant's training, qualifications, and experience. The applicant must sign the application. The Board of Directors may waive the required endorsements upon proof by the applicant's geographic isolation from members of the Association. The completed application must be accompanied by remittance of one year's dues.

The annual dues for all membership classes are a fixed sum that is approved by a majority vote at any annual meeting of the Association. The membership year is January 1 to December 31.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Superintendent	\$230 + GST
Assistant and Other Staff	\$150 + GST
Industry – Individual	\$230 + GST
Industry – Group	\$850 + GST
Students	FREE

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BCGSA MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Class A – To qualify for Class A membership, an applicant shall have, at the time of application for membership, at least three (3) years experience as a golf course Superintendent and be employed in such capacity. Class A members shall have all the privileges of the Association.

Class B – To qualify for Class B membership, an applicant shall be a golf course Superintendent of less than three (3) years experience at the time of application for membership. Class B members shall have all the privileges of the Association except that of holding office.

Class C – To qualify for Class C membership, an applicant shall be employed as an Assistant Superintendent to a golf course Superintendent, and who meets the guidelines set down by the Association. The applicant shall have a Diploma in Turfgrass Management, or in lieu of a Diploma, a minimum of two (2) years experience as an Assistant Superintendent. Class C members shall have all the privileges of the Association, except that of holding office.

Class AA – To qualify for Class AA membership, an applicant shall be retired Class A member in good standing. Application must be made to the Board of Directors who will be the sole judge of the applicant's acceptance to the Association. Class AA members will have all the privileges of the Association except that of holding office.

Class A Executive – To qualify for Class A Executive membership, an applicant must have been a Class A member in good standing, who is a member of the Association, who has chosen to seek other management duties at a golf course. Application must be made to the Board of Directors who will be the sole judge of the applicant's acceptance. Class A Executive members shall have all the privileges of the Association.

Class D – An individual who fails to meet any of the qualifications of membership as set out in Section 2. Application must be made to the Board of Directors who will be the sole judge of the applicant's acceptance. Class D members shall be non-voting members who are not permitted to hold office. In addition, Class D members are not permitted to attend Provincial meetings. The respective Regional Directors shall govern attendance at regional meetings.

Class E – Any individual who is employed at a golf course but does not meet the qualifications of Classes A, B, C, AA, A Executive. Any individual who is a full-time student enrolled in turfgrass related program may also make application. Application must be made to the Board of Directors who will be the sole judge of the applicant's acceptance. Class E members shall be non-voting members who are not permitted to hold office.

Class I – To qualify as a Class I member, an applicant shall be a sales or technical representative of a company which serves the golf course industry. Application must be made to the Board of Directors who will be the sole judge of the applicant's acceptance. Class I members will be non-voting members with the privileges of the Association, except that of holding office.

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