

## **CGSA President's Message on Alberta Flood Situation**

Golf course managers are surely the definition of perseverance and dedication. As all of you are no doubt aware, our professional colleagues in southern Alberta have been through a very difficult time over the past two weeks and those difficulties continue as they attempt to recover from the flooding that ravaged that region.

We are pleased to report that to the best of our knowledge no golf course personnel were seriously injured during the flooding and all of them along with their families are safe and trying to adjust to a variety of circumstances. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those affected by the floods and our hope is that the recovery will progress without delay and with the continuing support of the entire country.

Several of the courses affected have been able to deal with the aftermath of the flooding and have fully or partially reopened. Other courses that were impacted are continuing with their recovery process and will hopefully be in a position to be operational in the near future. There are several courses that were severely impacted – such as Highwood Golf and Country Club in High River, Alberta and the courses at the Kananaskis Resort southeast of Canmore. Kananaskis has already announced that it will not reopen this season and Highwood was still assessing the damage at last report.

NAGA is currently making approaches to the federal government to ensure that golf courses are included in any business relief plan that is put in place to assist with the recovery efforts. CGSA will keep you posted as to the results of those discussions.

To all of the courses impacted from the CGSA, please know our thoughts and hearts are with all those in Alberta affected by the floods. Stay safe and stay strong! The following is only a partial list of golf courses affected by the flooding. Please notify us if your course has been affected and does not show up on the list below:

Kananaskis Country Golf Course

Stewart Creek Golf Course

Canmore Golf Course

Coyote Creek Golf & RV Resort

Inglewood Golf Course

Glencoe G&CC

Calgary Golf and Country Club

Hidden Valley

Cottonwood Golf & Country Club

Blue Devil Golf Course:

Elbow Springs Golf Club

Fairmont Banff Springs Golf Course

Golf Canada Calgary Centre

Hidden Valley Golf Resort

Highwood Golf and Country Club

McKenzie Meadows Golf Club

Paradise Canyon Golf Resort

Pinebrook Golf & Country Club

Redwood Meadows Golf and Country Club

River's Edge Golf Club

River Spirit Golf Club

Silvertip Golf Resort

Valley Ridge Golf Club

Wintergreen Golf and Country Club

If you would like to donate time, financial assistance or equipment to the recovery of the courses affected, please inquire with the courses directly.

### **Your Staff**

We understand that many of the staff at the affected courses are unable to work due to the flood. Service Canada offices are putting measures in place to expedite access to Employment Insurance benefits for those eligible and affected by the flooding. We will update this page as more information is made available.

- For more information for EI claims with Service Canada as a result of the flooding, [click here](#) . The reference codes will expedite claims (i.e. move them to the top of the pile). Service Canada is also providing flexibility on ROEs, recognizing that not all documentation may be available. **TFWs working in Canada also qualify for EI.**
- For a list of Service Canada offices that are closed as a result of the flooding, [click here](#).

### **Other Helpful Links**

Have a health or safety question related to the floods? [Click here](#) for Alberta Health Services.

[Click here](#) for the Alberta Disaster Assistance Guidelines.

[Click here](#) for information on food safety in a boil-water advisory.

[Click here](#) for information on food safety during a power outage.

As we are able to access additional information and as guidelines and directives are issued we will endeavour to keep our members posted on these developments

If you would like to donate to the flood recovery in Alberta, please contact the [Red Cross](#).

For flood damage and recovery information please follow the link to the resources available by the [Golf Course Superintendents Association of America](#).