My Second Office

TOM EGELOFF is the Director of Agronomy at the Club at Las Campanas in Santa Fe, N.M. The avid greenskeeper transferred his talents from Ohio to Las Campanas, where the weather is almost too good, with 320 days of sunshine a year.

Egelhoff began his education at The Ohio State University, studying turf. However he was interrupted when his Ohio Air National Guard Unit was called in for Desert Storm. After completing his service, Egelhoff completed the two-year professional turfgrass management program at Rutgers University. He worked at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio for 10 years before making the move to New Mexico as Superintendent and then Director of Agronomy at Las Campanas.

About our host

WHO STOPPED THE RAIN?
I spent 10 years at Muirfield and it rained every year. Thought it was cursed. In New Mexico, it never rains, so this is meant to bring rain.

HE’S NO. 1 This (fantasy football league) started in 1993 with people who worked at Muirfield. There’s a group of 10 of us who have done fantasy football for 20 years. Whoever wins it, gets the trophy for a year. I’ve had it for three years.

PREFERRED READING I would say (I’ve been reading Golfdom) since the early 2000s when I was still in Ohio. I like them, you can pick up tips from around the country. I’m sensitive to water conservation being in the Southwest, so I’m always looking for those articles.

COACH HAYES I was a student at Ohio State University when (Hall of Fame Ohio State football coach) Woody Hayes died. That’s the student paper from the morning after he died.

GOLDEN BEAR Jack Nicklaus signed that when I left Muirfield. That was my going-away gift, along with a set of Gore-Tex rain gear that I have used only three time in 10 years.

IT’S ABOUT THE BIKE Everybody in this industry is exposed to stress. I use that to get out and relieve stress. I’ve put 2,500 miles on that bike since April.

“Working 10 years at Muirfield under Mike McBride set me up for my career. We learned a lot there.”

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