

# SUPERINTENDENT PROFILE



**Name:** Sean Tully

**Employer:** Meadow Club

**Position:** Superintendent

**Years in the Business:** 24

**Previous Employment:**  
River Valley Ranch in Carbondale  
Colorado

**Education:** BS in Landscape Horticulture and Turfgrass Management from Colorado State University

**GCSANC Work or Interests:** Write a short article for “Thru the Green”

**Other Organizations:** Cal-IPC, CNGA, NCGA

**Family:** Wife and two girls aged 3 & 9

**What was the first car you ever owned?** Subaru Outback

**How fast did you drive it?** Not too fast, more off the beaten path of Colorado backroads.

**What is your favorite band?** Slim Cessna’s Auto Club, Clinic, The Dodos

**How did you get into the business?** Started working at the same course my dad worked at when he was a kid back in Wisconsin.

**What did you learn that they never taught you in college?**  
Keep the members happy and stay ahead of the curve.

**Please list your fantasy foursome:** Chandler Egan, Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan, and my dad. I would just watch. Would prefer that they played the original Sharp Park course!

**What is #1 on your bucket list?** Getting over to Scotland and playing as many quirky golf courses that I can.

**What’s the best bit of professional advice ever tossed your way?** Make a plan and check in periodically to see where you are and how things are progressing. Work and life can get a little chaotic, so try to keep some order to it.

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?** Being a good father and husband.

**What’s your favorite restaurant?** Bakesale Betty’s on 51st and Telegraph, the Chicken Sandwich and a lemon ice are ripe for repeat visits, or an easy excuse to stop by Claremont repeatedly!

**Beer or wine?** Wine

**Favorite course to play:** Meadow Club, Lawsonia

**Ipod top 5:** Don Redmon: Hot and Anxious, Clinic: Corpus

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**What’s your favorite vacation spot?** Ireland when it happens.

**Favorite hobby:** Historical research

**Strangest thing you’ve ever seen on a golf course:** Bald eagle trying to break open a golf ball thinking it was an egg.

**Name your top superintendent influences:** Hugh Dahl and Gene Shreves at my first course and of most notably David Sexton.

**Name your top life influences:** My grandfather Russell Stewart and Aldo Leopold.

**Lowest score you ever shot and course:** 83 Meadow Club

**The hardest part of your job:** The hours and time away from the family.

**The most rewarding thing in your job is:** coming to work at Meadow Club every day—such an amazing place on so many levels.

**If you weren’t in the business of growing grass what would you be doing?** A history professor possibly or an arborist.

**What’s in your garage?** Land Cruiser

**What’s in your closet at home?** Old clubs and dress shirts I rarely wear.

**What’s in your office?** Beyond the obvious, I have a nice collection of golf books.

**What magazines do you subscribe to?**

The usual trade mags, but I get most of my short term reading material online: Lifehacker, Turf Disease, and Turfhugger are examples.

**Do you collect anything, and why?** Old golf stuff—it should be rather obvious.

**Worst piece of equipment ever owned?** My HP.

**Worst place you have ever slept?** Early in my career I had let a group play through on a green and then proceeded to fall asleep on a riding green mower while it was running! Was there for a good 20 minutes before I woke up and had a hard time living that one down.

**Closest to death you ever came?** Climbing Mt. Elbert in Colorado when a storm rolled in. Was climbing down to a sub-peak when some lightning started and I got a couple zaps of static electricity on my head. Exposure on both sides and no place to go so I just huddled down and waiting the storm out.

**The invention that you thought of but someone else made the million dollars and no you?** Nothing yet, too busy looking in the past to see the future!