

The 19th Hole with...

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Superintendent, Centennial Valley CC, Conway, Ark.

What are you drinking?

I love unsweet tea — I don't add sugar.



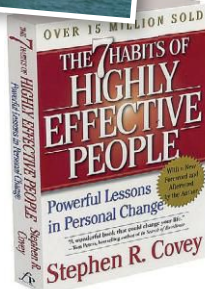
So you won the Rain Bird/North Coast Media grand prize, the trip for two to see the Intelligent Use of Water film competition in Beverly Hills, Calif. How has the experience been?

The experience was awesome. I'd never been to L.A. at all. We did all the touristy stuff, got on the tour buses, saw the celebrity homes, Santa Monica Pier.

So are you ready to move to Los Angeles now?

No — that traffic is horrible!

What's your favorite thing about Centennial Valley CC? We're all treated the same — members, workers — it's just a nice club. The homeowners invite me up for burgers on their back patio when I'm out driving around the course. It's just a very inviting atmosphere.



What teams do you root for? The Razorbacks, that's where I'm from. But I still root for Oklahoma State, my alma mater, and the Thunder. Most pro teams I don't watch, I've lost interest — the players are all too into themselves.

What's your favorite book? "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey. Real big fan of that, and also "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

You've been active volunteering on GCSAA committees, right? I was on the GCSAA government relations committee three years, and the strategic communications committee for one year. I got to go to the first National Golf Day. I just like to be involved.

Do you have any kids? I've got three kids, 11, 9 and 7. Two girls and the young-

est is a boy. The oldest is into volleyball, the middle one is creative, and the youngest is into baseball. Once he gets into basketball and football I'll coach. I'm not too keen on soccer and baseball.

If you could have three guests over for dinner, any person, living or dead, who would you invite? My father, he passed away when I was 18. I missed that connection you get later in life... I do consider myself a student of my faith, so Jesus Christ. And lastly my wife (Julie), definitely. We've been married 12 years.

So besides this trip to Beverly Hills, have you won anything else before? The only other thing I've ever won was a bottle of Coke.

As interviewed by Seth Jones on Thursday, October 18th, 2012.