

My Second Office

BECAUSE THE COURSE IS YOUR FIRST

About our host

MIKE OSLEY, known as 'Oz' to some, has made stops at some of Aurora, Colo.'s seven golf courses throughout the past 15 years. With stints at Murphy Creek, Aurora Hills and Meadow Hills, he's now settled in at Saddle Rock GC as the Golf Operations superintendent for the city, overseeing all of the city's superintendents.

Osley received his turf degree from Lake City Community College (now Florida Gateway College). Before arriving in the Rockies, he worked at Riviera CC in Los Angeles and Hilaman Golf Course in Tallahassee, Fla.

With two of three kids in college, Osley hints that Florida might again be in his future — when he and his wife retire.



"I've grown grass in Florida, California and now Colorado. I like Colorado for what I do for a living; I don't miss the bugs and the 365 days a year in Florida growing grass."

1 THE OSLEYS That was 15 years ago. My youngest was about 8 months old when we moved here. My two older daughters are both in college now. So I have two in college and one in high school. The oldest is Mikaley, then Cayden, and my son is John Michael.

2 CREDENTIALS I had a great time at the Riviera Country Club. I spent 1987 to 1990 there when I was single and living the dream. A lot of celebrity sightings, and I was living in L.A., enjoying the beach.... The badges are from the different years that I spent at the club during the L.A. Open.

3 A GOOD CIGAR I've been known to enjoy a good cigar. It's probably the only vice I have nowadays. Although a good cigar and a good scotch on a beach is a nice way to spend an evening, I won't lie.

4 RAIDER HATERS That's a little Calvin cartoon peeing on the Oakland Raiders logo. I'm an Oakland Raiders fan living in Colorado — not a very good position! That was given to me by the crew here at Saddle Rock.

5 PLUGGED IN I haven't had an iPad that long, but it is nice to be able to take it out on the golf course. While I wouldn't call my-

self a techie, I don't mind using technology. I enjoy the iPad just from the simple fact of being able to grab it and take it with you. I use it for the irrigation, use it for weather, use it to take some notes drawn on the golf course as I go around instead of paper and pen. I also check emails and reply to anything important.

6 FAITH Being a man of faith, I try to just take a moment every morning and spend time in prayer, so that's what those books are — just a couple inspirational books, one of them being a leadership bible by John Maxwell. It probably doesn't typi-

cally help the grass grow, but it helps me help the grass grow.

7 SAVVY SUBSCRIPTIONS I enjoy all the publications, especially *Golfdom*. I do love the new look to your magazine and actually just downloaded the *Golfdom* iPad app yesterday. I stay up with all the latest and greatest, I read the different articles and I just get to stay up on some of the stuff happening in our industry.

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