

My Second Office

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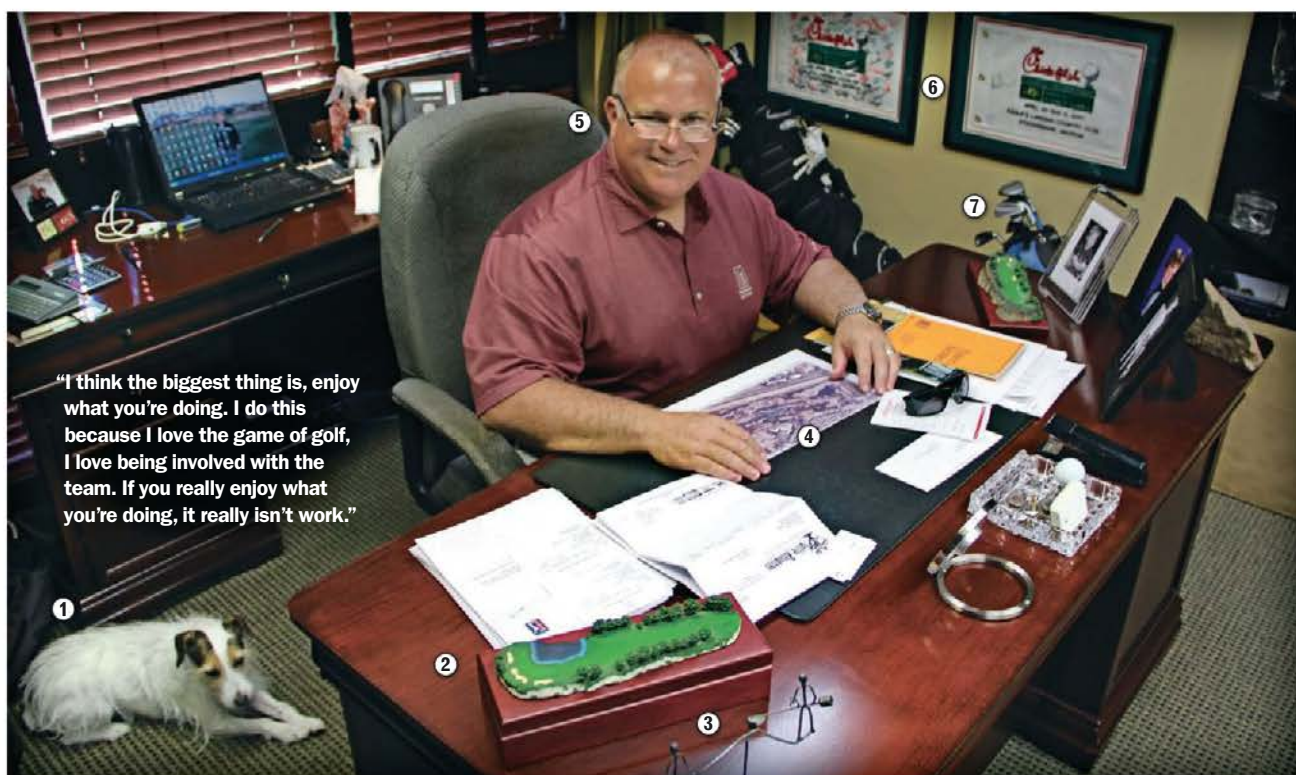
About our host

JEFF PLOTTS, superintendent at TPC Scottsdale, is eerily calm as he and his team prepare to host the Waste Management Phoenix Open this month. It's one of the most attended tournaments in the world, so one might think Plotts would be a bit frantic behind the scenes in his second office. Especially since when we toured his

office, the tournament was a mere two weeks away.

But Plotts is confident.

"I don't know that you're ever ready, but you're close, and we're close," he says of the tournament. "We have a good team here and we're clicking right along and should be right on schedule."



"I think the biggest thing is, enjoy what you're doing. I do this because I love the game of golf, I love being involved with the team. If you really enjoy what you're doing, it really isn't work."

1 DRIVING MISS DAISY That's Daisy, she's a Jack Russell terrier. The staff gave her to me at TPC Southwind. She's been with me now for almost 10 years and she's like my little sidekick — very loyal, just a really good golf course dog.

2 CHIPPING FROM THE DESK I love well-designed golf holes; the one on the box is Bay Hill, No. 18, and the other one is No. 13 at Torrey Pines. I like those golf holes, I love those facilities and those are two holes, from an operational standpoint, that remind me of what this facility is. We're kind of a little bit of both.

3 WALKING THE TIGHTROPE On one side it's a wire stickman holding a weed eater, on the other side it's another stickman pushing a lawn mower. My wife found it at some arts and crafts festival years ago and gave it to me. It's something I've had around for years in my office.

4 BIRD'S EYE We always do a little bit of renovation work each year. This year we'll do some lateral irrigation work. The plan is to shut the facility down in 2014 for a major renovation. We'll open back up a little later in the 2015 season... fitting our renovation in between the tournament.

5 SPECTACLES I wear them only to see! No, I wear contacts but I have to wear reading glasses, probably when looking at a plan. And my sunglasses — can't survive without sunglasses.

6 CHICK-FIL-A FLAGS In 2001 I was at Eagles' Landing and Eagles' Landing Country Club hosted the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship. In 2000 it became hosted by Nancy Lopez. Unfortunately it's no longer in existence, but I have a signed flag from every winner from every event that I've hosted. I like to display them — it's pride for me.

7 THE JUNIOR SET Those are very special; they are my son's, Cooper's. He loves golf — he's crazy about golf. My wife and myself had a little child and we never thought we were going to be blessed with one and we were blessed with one five years ago... and you know, we wouldn't trade him for anything in the world. He loves to come up and play, he just loves to hit balls off the practice tees.

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