

My Second Office

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About our host

BOB ROGERS, CGCS at Big Spring Country Club in Louisville, Ky., has a competitive nature. It could be from his time playing golf at North Carolina State, followed by 30 years of working in the area at golf courses, or it could be his multiple tournament

accolades and appearances in three pro-ams.

Either way, one thing is certain, Rogers' Second Office is just the backdrop needed to capture his successes and passions.



"I am a diehard golfer, started when I was 4 years old, which is what got me into the business — I figured if I couldn't play for a living, I wanted to be out here."

1 GOOD LUCK CHARMS The cartoons were something my wife gave me when I first got in the business. At the time I had nothing to hang in my office. Those two little cartoons I've had ever since my first job, probably 1974. I guess they're kind of good luck, so I always keep them up.

2 HONORABLE MENTIONS Those are for finishing top 10 in our national tournament. I won the championship flight B of the GCSAA national tournament and I have finished top 10 four times.

3 WAVE 'EM HIGH The white flag, we hosted the Kentucky State Amateur Championship here in 2007. The winner, Phil Hendrickson, signed the flag for me. The yellow flag is from Kenny Perry. Kenny was here for an outing and put on a little clinic and then played several of the holes and autographed a flag for me.

4 GONE FISHING I grew up on Lake Erie, so I started fishing when I was very young. It's my release. A lot of people think that going to play golf is a great way, or a great fringe benefit of our job — which it is — but it's like

going to the office to relax. I love to boat and fish and we have a creek that runs through the club here, and a lake, and I like to go out late in the evenings or after work hours. I have actually stocked our lakes, which we built on the course, with fish I have caught. I have fun doing it.

5 WELCOME TO THE WOLFPACK

I am an alumnus of NC State and I am a diehard Wolfpacker! Matter of fact the picture below that flag is the bell tower at N.C. State. There is a well-known artist in North Carolina, Gary Miller, who's done a lot of North

Carolina art like that and his son-in-law worked for me. He gave me this picture of the bell tower when I left.

I was on the golf team at N.C. State for two of my four years there. I was a superintendent in North Carolina from 1978-2004 at five golf courses in that 20-plus year span before moving to Louisville. I was very close — and still am — to the faculty and even the upper echelon at N.C. State.

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