

My Second Office

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About our host

JIM RATTIGAN, superintendent/general manager at Schuylkill Country Club in Orwigsburg, Pa., has a short but successful tenure in his role. After attending Penn State University and continuing his interest in competitive golf, he returned to his home town, where he grew up working with the grounds crew. When the position for superintendent opened up, he applied for

the coveted position.

"The members were nice enough to give me a courtesy interview even though I wasn't qualified. And after the interview they gave me the job," he says.

Rattigan has managed the grounds at the historic Willie Park/Donald Ross course since 2003.



"Find time to play as much golf at as many courses as you can. It can motivate you, and you may see something that inspires you to try something new at your own course."

1 WOOF That's Mulligan, she's a 5-year-old Border Collie. She's our geese chaser. She runs the course with me every day and sometimes she'll hang around the first tee and up by the clubhouse. All the members know who she is, she's very friendly and some of the members drive around with treats in their golf bag because they know they'll see her.

2 GREEN THUMB I think there's something to having plants in the office. It just adds some calming.

3 CHEERS! The beer can is an old Yuengling beer can I found during some clubhouse renova-

tions. Yuengling is America's oldest brewery and located a few miles from the golf course. The Yuenglings are wonderful people and have been friends of the family for generations. Dick Yuengling is a regular golfer at the club and plays every weekend.

4 FANATIC! I'm a longtime Phillies fan. Everyone in my family is Phillies, Eagles and so on. Basically we support all the local teams here in Orwigsburg.

5 THE NINTH Years ago before I started here they had these tee markers on the golf course. We were tearing down the barn at

the golf course and a couple of those old signs were in there. That one in particular was in perfect shape.

6 SILVER LINING I've always enjoyed playing competitive golf and those are the superintendent awards. One of my highlights every winter is I get to hang out with a bunch of other superintendent friends (at the GCSAA National Championship & Golf Classic) and meet some new ones. I really enjoy going around and saying hi to superintendents and talking about things that are going on, their courses, their challenges.

7 STELLAR ROUND That was special because it was one of those rounds where I shot a 65. So I saved it.

8 PICTURE PERFECT That mural has been here for a couple years. One of my assistant's girlfriend was an artist and she did a mural on the wall for him and I said, "That's incredible," and asked her to do it in my office. She came up and did a mural of the clubhouse and the 18th hole.

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