

# My Second Office

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## About our host

With his erudite demeanor and vast knowledge of golf history, **SEAN TULLY**, superintendent at Meadow Club in Fairfax, Calif., is often called “The Professor.” And it’s an apt nickname. Tully serves on the USGA Architecture Archives Committee, and given the chance he can opine at length on everything from the

game’s past to one of his hobbies — finding vintage clubs.

Tully has been with Meadow Club since 2000, making the move a year and a half after graduating from Colorado State University. “It’s been good,” he says. “I really like it here. I like the history of it.”



**1 VINTAGE SET** I have two sets of clubs. One is a more modern set — modern for me, at least. They’re from the late ‘80s, early ‘90s. I have another set from the ‘20s, ‘30s and before. I try to collect clubs that are historically significant. I’m still trying to find one for Meadow Club.

**2 THE TULLY LIBRARY** I don’t have enough room at my house, so it’s kind of moved over to my work. I’ve got a bunch of club history books and books on noted architects. I’m also on a USGA committee with the architecture archives committee, so it’s a working library.

**3 AFTERNOON READING** I really enjoy *Golfdom* — the timeliness of it. I like the fact that they do a good job of reaching out to different superintendents as well. You get to know different people that way. I’ve been reading *Golfdom* — I think I’ve gone through 1927 to 1948 online with all their old magazines. Yeah, I do a lot of research.

**4 THE DOG** That’s Bodie. We got him at a local shelter a couple years ago. He’ll run himself into the ground, so I bring him out to the course. He drives my wife, Anie, crazy. Here, he’s got it made. He runs and runs.

**5 TEST TUBES** Right now we’re just trying to figure out what our bentgrass to Poa ratio is. We took some plugs out of our greens, so we’re also using them as a control against our seed head suppression and to monitor for when our greens start seed head production.

**6 HOOK ‘EM** I’ll go out with my girls, Lucy and Maisy, on the weekend. They like to come up to the course. I mentioned to them one day that there are antlers all over the place, so we go on these little nature walks. We found a couple antlers and other items, what we believe is a

coyote skull and other bones. My wife and I are going to cut [the antlers] up. You can give them to your dog as a chew toy or make buttons out of them.

**7 BIRD’S EYE** That’s the course. We use that as a reference for how many trees we’ve cut down. That one is from ‘99. Every 10 years we get a new picture. The new one is up in the hallway right now.

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