

My Second Office

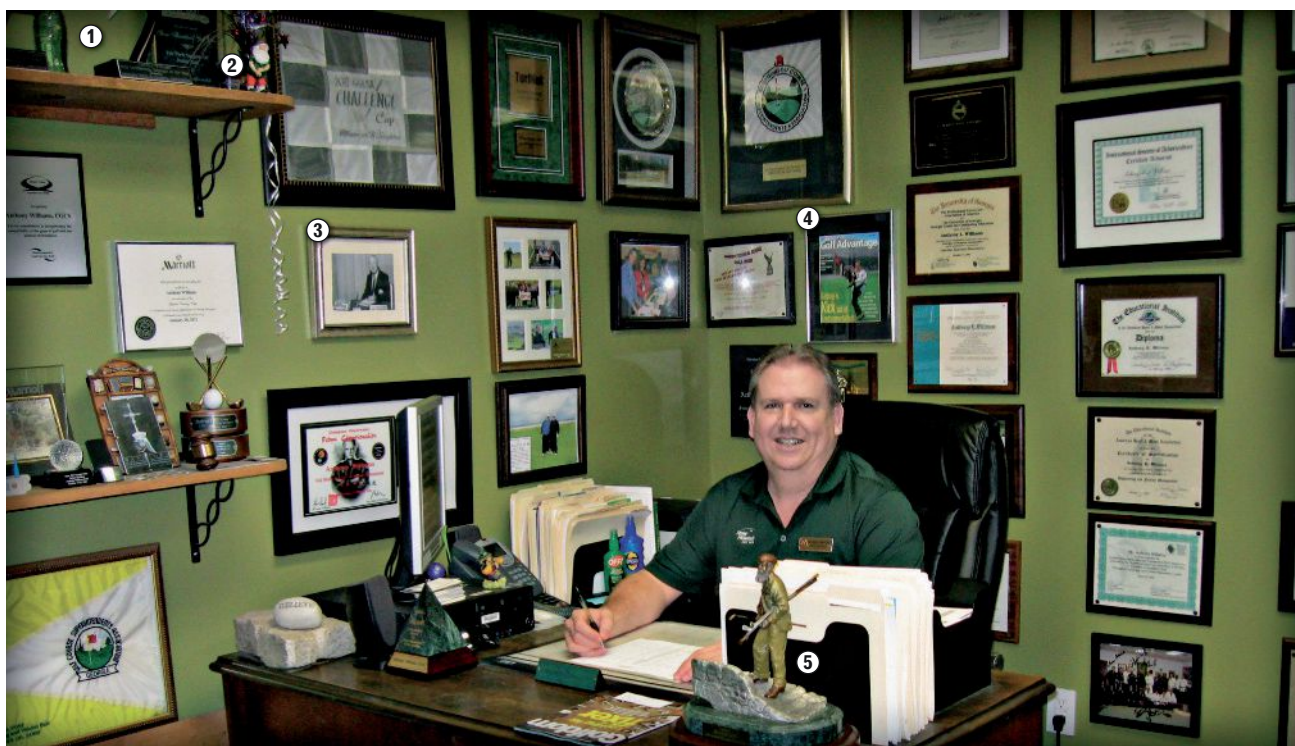
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About our host

ANTHONY WILLIAMS, CGCS, CGM at Stone Mountain (Ga.) Golf Club by Marriott, is a force to be reckoned with. His boisterous personality has earned him the reputation of a go-getter, while his work as a superintendent has earned him accolades in the industry.

Growing up on a small farm in rural Georgia, Williams

received his turf degree from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. He then served as superintendent at Renaissance Pinelake Resort & Golf Club in Buford, Ga., and later followed in his uncle's footsteps at Stone Mountain. Williams' decorated résumé includes recognition for superintendent of the year, association involvement, excellence and even martial arts.



1 REBUILD This office had a roof leak and the walls were so thin you could almost fly a kite when the wind was blowing. Me and the boys decided to do something about it, so we started buying little pieces of the flooring here and there. I saw that the FMC folks were doing a contest. You had to tell the strangest thing you've ever seen on a golf course. We shared a story and were a finalist, winning \$250. We used that money to finish the office. *(Let the record state that the story was a golfer making an eagle during an active crime scene at what is now known as "Cop Hill Cove.")*

2 GNOME OF CHEER That was a Christmas gift from my administrative assistant, who has been with us for 20 years. The golfing gnome came to live on the shelves — he's like the elf on the shelf. He does move around some during the Christmas season; he may be out in the shop, or on a mower.

3 THE GREATEST GENERATION That's Harold Baldwin sitting at his desk in 1964, when he was president of our chapter. One of the things I'm most proud of during my tenure is creating the Georgia Golf Course Superintendent Hall of Fame. Mr. Baldwin

was in the very first class. The funny thing about it is that on his desk is the latest issue of *Golfdom* (circa 1964.) I thought how ironic is it that all these years later I would be wearing that blue blazer, that I would be wearing that crest, and that I would be the environmental editor of *Golfdom*.

4 WAX ON/WAX OFF I won the *Golf Advantage's* Purple Cow Award for being an innovative person in the golf business. When they set up the photo shoot, I was scheduled to be in the National College of Martial Arts' National Championships that week. I paid for my turf degree by teach-

ing karate in college and I stayed active all this time. When we shot that picture all the karate people thought I did karate full time and all the turf people thought I did turf full time.

5 ESTEEMED HONOR That's a statue of Old Tom Morris. He's standing on the Swilcan Bridge. Every year Marriott Golf awards their superintendent of the year that trophy. I am one of the few to have won it twice.

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