HAILEY, Idaho — Since breaking into the golf business as a 24-year-old superintendent at a nine-hole executive facility in the Milwaukee area, Stephen E. Maas has advanced in the profession.

The certified golf course superintendent is now working at The Valley Club here, an 18-hole private facility which opened in July 1996. The road to The Valley Club, which began in Milwaukee, continued for four years as superintendent at Southglen Country Club in Littleton, Colo. He then earned a two-year turfgrass certificate from Penn State University during the off-season and interned as the assistant during construction and grow-in at Country Club of Castle Pines. Since then he has been heavily involved in construction, including superintendent posts at Coeur d’Alene in Idaho and on projects in southern Illinois and Missouri.

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Tee Mowers: Jacobson Greensking IV, Toro Greensmaster 3000
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The Valley Club’s maintenance shop includes a chain hoist (foreground), second-floor mezzanine storage and work area above the offices, a fireproof storage cabinet and 10-by-10-foot garage door.

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Aerifiers: Vertidrain 7316, Ryan Renovaire, Toro Hydroject 4000
Topdressers: Tycrop MH400, Metermatic Turfco F15B, Toro 5200
Sprayer: None
Reel Grinder: Foley Accu 610
Bedknife Grinder: Foley Accu 610
Irrigation Pump Station: Flowtronics PSI (2400 GPM)
Irrigation System: Cirrus
Golf Car Fleet: 45 Club Car electric
Flagsticks: Standard Royaline 8-foot with tube-lock swivel

Computer & Accessories: Dell Optiplex GX1
Primary herbicide: Trimec 899
Primary pesticide: Durban Pro
Primary fungicide: Engage 4F
Primary slow-release fertilizer: IBDU
Square footage of the maintenance building(s): 6,000 square feet
Annual rounds of golf: 18,000
Normal green speed: 9.3

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