Tools of the Trade...at 'Roe' Sherbert's Heritage at Eagle Bend

AURORA, Colo. — The Heritage at Eagle Bend, an active-adult community, provides unique opportunities for superintendent Ronald "Roe" Sherbert — like working out of a tent.

The new layout completed its grow-in last September as Sherbert and his crew hunkered down for a tough, mile-high Colorado winter. "They've just started to build the clubhouse, maintenance facility and housing for the community this year," said Sherbert. "It's been pretty difficult working out of a tent, especially this winter.

Lacking certain luxuries, the 5,000-square-foot tent encompasses storage for equipment and a modified shelter for the mechanic. "We basically put up four walls and a roof and placed a big old space heater in there for him," he said. "It provided him with a little bit of comfort to use his grinders.

Sherbert will settle into permanent quarters this month, when his new maintenance facility goes operational. The 5,000-square-foot building will include soil storage bins and an exterior chemical-storage facility.

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The course was unable to irrigate during the night. "There hasn't been a lot of nights that we were able to irrigate, then, on top of already drought conditions more than we can tolerate," said Fackler. "If the club can't prepare and serve food during blackouts, then, on top of already drought conditions more than we can tolerate."

The politicians who created the fiasco are not going to say, 'Food and beverage is still a priority when we're not able to serve food because we're not able to prepare food.'" Fackler said. "Superintendents know how power shortages will effect them. They see things in terms of turf conditions, air conditioning, kitchens, you name it.

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