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I have been the Head Professional at Valley Brook Country Club for the past 15 years. As a bag room kid, I started my journey in the golf industry in 1997 at Valley Brook Country Club. I worked my way up the ranks, doing every job along the way. This gave me a very unique perspective on the entire operation. I also spent two years of my apprenticeship at Shannopin Country Club, which was great.

I began competitive golf at the age of 10 and instantly fell in love with competing. I played college golf at Slippery Rock University, qualifying for two NCAA Championships. I am a big believer that playing and teaching is what makes us the experts in all aspects of the industry.

In the past few years, I have learned how important work-life balance is for an operation. At Valley Brook, all of the PGA Professionals engage the membership, each and every day, to better the members' experience. This culture leads to more opportunities and better performances from the entire staff. Part of this experience is the PGA Professional properly scheduling their appointments, as well as their family time.