From relatively modest beginnings, GOLFDOM launched its first issue in February, 1927. It started out with a small full-time editorial staff, one person, and a handful of salesmen. Herb and Joe Graffis founded the magazine with the idea that the business of running a country club was important and like any other businessmen, golf course personnel needed as much help to keep up on the industry as anyone. Through the years, GOLFDOM has been at the forefront of many improvements in the industry, including helping the Golf Superintendents Association of America and the Club Managers Association of America get off the ground. Now both over 80-years-old, the Graffis brothers are still active in the direction and design of this magazine. There is little doubt that either of them would want it any other way. In that time, they have seen the golf business grow into one of the largest in the nation.

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