

DOM GROTTI HONORED

Biography of Dominic Grotti:

Dom grew up in Terre Haute, Indiana where he worked in the coal mines. At age 18 he decided there must be a better way of life so he moved to the Chicago area and got his first introduction to golf as a greensman at the Chevy Chase Golf Club in Wheeling. This was 51 years ago, back in 1927.

Dom's next move was to Sunset Ridge where he became the assistant Superintendent in 1933. By 1942 Dom took over the position of head Superintendent where he still continues to display his expertise and artistry as a truly great leader of his profession.

When Dom is asked when he intends to retire, he states that he hasn't given it much thought as he is perfectly content doing what he likes best, being out on the course every day. However, he is currently training his nephew as his eventual replacement.

As Dom looks back upon his career, he recalls several highlights. For instance, his total budget was \$14,600 when he started in 1942. Compare that to present days expenses of over \$200,000. He recalls the rewarding experience of Sunset Ridge hosting the Western Open Tournament in 1972. Dom is mighty proud of the fact that the club honored him by the naming of Lake Dominic which many of us encountered today as we played the twelfth hole.

In spite of his long hours required as a superintendent, he has also found time to a good family man. He and his good wife Betty have two children and they both love to talk about their six grandchildren.

Dom, on behalf of the membership of the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association, we present you with this plaque as a token of our appreciation for your lifelong contribution to golf. —Congratulations.

The presentation was made by **Carl Hopphan** and **Bob Williams**. Dom felt very proud. The audience reponse was terrific.

Also acknowledged **Emil Eiser** who retired May 1st as Superintendent of Shore Acres C.C. after 40 years of service.

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