

Midwest Breezes



The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the Grotti and Rack families due to the death of Charles Rack in late May and Dominic Grotti in early June.

Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

July 8th — MAGCS Monthly Meeting at Deer Path G.C. in Lake Forest

July 17th — University of Illinois Field Day at Urbana Turf Plots

August 7th — Illinois Landscape Contractors Association Summer Field Day at Kishwaukee College, Malta, IL (6 miles west of Dekalb). This is the site of the "All American Vaughn Trial Gardens"

August 12th — Change of date ... MAGCS Meeting at Briar Ridge C.C., Dyer, IN

September 9th — MAGCS monthly meeting at Aurora C.C. (tentative)

September 19-24 — GCSAA Mid-Year Turfgrass Conference & Show, Indianapolis

November 10-12 — Penn State Turf Conference, State College, PA

November 12th — Midwest Clinic at Medinah C.C.

“July”

Fire Cracker time once more,
Summer's closing Springtime's Door.
Heat and Humidity will reign supreme,
Revealing the perils of Summer's scheme.
With Disease and Insects in carefree folly,
Let's Pray we weather the Storm by golly.
Our Quest, to conquer Summer's Treason,
For within lays the Golfing Season.

Kenneth R. Zanzig

Dominic Grotti **January 3, 1909 — June 6, 1985**

Born in Fanno, Italy, Dominic lived there till he was 8. During World War I, Dominic and his family came to the U.S. and settled in Pine Ridge, IN. In order to help his family, Dominic quit school after the 7th grade to take a job in the coal mines. In the early 30's Dom started his career working at Columbia C.C. in Wheeling (now Chevy Chase). In 1933 he took a job at Sunset Ridge C.C. for 45 cents an hour and quickly moved up the ladder till he became head greenskeeper in 1942. For the next 36 years Dominic maintained one of the finest golf courses on the North Shore. In 1978 he retired but lived on at the golf course until 1981 when he and his wife moved to Highwood.

Submitted by: Dennis Wilson

What a shame that Dominic didn't live to see all his old friends when they played Sunset Ridge on June 17th. Dennis Wilson had the course in "Dominic condition" with not a blade of grass out of place. There were 118 who played golf and 134 who came for a delicious dinner. It was a beautiful day on a beautifully conditioned golf course. The new 8th green which was just built this Spring was in great shape. What a pretty par 3 hole it is now.

“Thank You” from Herb Graffis

Dear Fred,

Thanks to all of you in the Midwest ancient and honorable and damned talented team for a birthday present that is a beautiful reason for celebrating. It is a philodendron nearly the size of a mighty oak and it shelters me in my study-library and/or office where I pen these lines, now that I no longer can see the typewriter keys.

Here my readers give me the score from **The Bull Sheet**, that family journal of the Midwest of so many years. From which pals of brother Joe and mine got many a fine valuable tip for "Golfdom" copy in the historic days when we all were growing up.

Now at 92, I can take oath in declaring that knowing the Midwest team and working with them and for them has been the best birthday present I ever could have had and again thanks to you all — and I'll now take a drink to all of you.

Blessings, Herb