



2013 Annual Trade Fair

Here and on the back inside cover, are photos from the Annual Meeting's Trade Fair. Two rooms filled with exhibitors were alive with activity and great fun. Clockwise from lower left: a sampling of clubs; newlyweds Sean and Karol Curtis with a display of Lenox ceramics; silver pieces from Jack Rinehart Jr.'s display; a rare set of silk and mink golf head covers, for the clubs that have everything; Harold Dale examines a one-piece driver made by Atrigon in 1995 ("First show I've been to in 25 years," he said. – Welcome back, Harold!); Keith Campbell had a selection of golf balls and tees; a feather ball at Bob Hansen's table, from the Harry B. Wood Collection, with a notation that says "1840" but estimated by Hansen to be from about 1806 or so.



Memorable meeting among the pines

The 2013 Annual Meeting at the Pine Needles Resort in Southern Pines, N.C., was, to the point, a hit. More than 230 people registered with 125 tables at the trade show. Karen Bednarski, our executive director, said the attendance was much larger than the previous two annual meetings. Possibly this had something to do with the confluence of the Society of Hickory Golfers outing (The Mid Pines Hickory Open) and the Mullock auction that took place Sunday evening. Whatever the reason, hickory golfers, golf collectors, and golf historians had much to celebrate this happy week.

The USGA Golf History Symposium on Sunday afternoon was the best attended ever, by quite a lot. Though hard figures are not available, a peek inside the symposium showed a very full house. Presentations included *The Architectural Legacy of Donald Ross* by Bradley Klein of Golf Week; *Rules, Architecture and John Low* by Robert Crosby, chair of the USGA Golf Architecture Archive working group; *The Ultimate Upset: Francis Ouimet and the 1913 U.S. Open* by Bill Fields, senior editor at Golf World; and *Francis Ouimet: America's First Golf Hero*, by Mike Trostel, senior curator and historian at the USGA Museum. (This last presentation is shared on page 22 of this Bulletin.) This symposium was an ambitious, and not inexpensive, undertaking by the USGA on behalf of GCS members and we are grateful for their efforts.

Monday morning, George Fox of PBA Galleries, Ryan Carey of Green Jacket Auctions, and Region 6 Director Jim Jeselnick, spoke to about 100 members on the subjects of selling their collectible items. How are items appraised and what is the best place to sell them were on the agenda. All

three men outlined their themes in the previous Bulletin (No. 196). In the main, Fox noted that books have not lost their overall caché, especially rare collectibles.

Carey said that, at least for his auction house, great care is taken to properly appraise and then apprise collectors as to whether his auction house or another avenue of sale would be the best method of selling an item. Responding to a question from the audience, he noted that his auction house takes possession of consigned items and arranges



Presidential passings. Outgoing president, Bill Reed, left, turned the President's Medal over to incoming president, John Capers III.

shipping once the item is sold; a procedure that eliminates uncertainty of whether a purchased auction item will actually reach the buyer.

Jeselnick advised members that, while eBay has its advantages for selling, that a "buyer beware" caution is a good attitude to have with any transaction. Be sure you are dealing with proven, reliable sellers and never, he said, send money unless you are absolutely sure of the seller.

More than 80 members took on the Mid Pines course for the annual championship on Monday afternoon, with the course getting the better of all



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but the most gifted players. (Michael Fay, Captain of the Donald Ross Society and keynote speaker at the banquet said to give the course a couple of years as the greens will settle in, softening their current rock-hard surface, with the happy result of abating aggravated putters.)

The annual banquet Monday evening offered sumptuous repast of a variety of dishes from a chicken marsala to tilapia prepared with a very tasty seasoning and sauce. Cheesecake and chocolate dessert tempted those not sated following the main courses.

Keynote speaker Mike Fay, Captain of the Donald Ross Society, spoke of his "collection" of golf courses; he has played some 259 of the more than 300 that Ross designed.

Following dinner, outgoing president Bill Reed proved a fine host, keeping pace with awards and honors and reminding us all of what a very fine speaker he is. (If you were not at the banquet, the next time you see Bill, ask him about the talking dog.)

Frank Zadra was presented with the 2013 Founders Award (see story, next page) by former GCS president, Phil Kostolnik. Reed then presented the President's Medal, a 25th Jubilee Anniversary gift from the British Golf Collectors Society, to incoming president, John Capers III.

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Frank Zadra honored with 2013 Founders Award

Among the key criteria for the Founders Award are an "act or acts of significance in the administration and guidance of the Society." Frank Zadra, who has served the Society so well in so many capacities, is a deserving recipient of the Society's recognition.

Zadra joined the GCS in 1978 as member No. 286. He's long had an interest in golf collecting. At age 7 he traded 20 golf balls to his local pro for a PGA wood shaft 7 iron. "It was the only item on the 'Not for Sale' list," he says. He attended his first GCS meeting in Akron, Ohio in 1976. This will mark his 30th consecutive annual meeting.

In 1988, he initiated the regional (then called "districts") structure that is now in place. His fellows in Region (District) 6 chose him as their director in 1988, in which capacity he served for five years. During that time, he helped strengthen and solidify the regional structure.

Five years later, Zadra was elected director for Region 7 and in 2000 was elected as secretary to the Society. Wearing both hats, he continued as Region 7 director until the fall of 2001. In 2002, he was elected president of the Society.

Under his leadership, administrative improvements were undertaken by the new executive director, including the establishment of a new membership database.

- A new mail ballot process for regional director elections implemented, a significant improvement upon the old "nomination and show of hands at the annual meeting" process that had been in place.
- Zadra reviewed and revised administrative documents that became the new GCS Procedures Handbook. Topics included financial procedures, annual meeting site criteria, use of the GCS logo, use of the GCS membership list, and responsibilities of officers and directors.
- Eight committees were established by Zadra to address various important issues.
- The By-Laws were updated.
- Policies and procedures were developed for advertising in the Bulletin and Directory.
- Under Zadra's guidance, a double entry system of bookkeeping and a complete set of financial statements were established and an outside audit procedure was conceived and implemented.

"The significance of these



Frank Zadra, left, is presented with the 2013 Founders Award by former GCS president, Phil Kostolnik.

accomplishments as embodied in their depth and breadth and the manner in which Frank led the organization have made a significant and lasting improvement in the GCS," says Phil Kostolnik, himself a former GCS president. "His mix of business-like procedures coupled with an inclusive and participative style, made the whole organization feel like things were under control and improving and gave all members a renewed sense of pride in the organization."

In the December 2004 Bulletin, then GCS President Jim Dreyer said, "Frank's actions over the last two years have been nothing short of spectacular. The Society owes Frank a large debt of gratitude for his exemplar stewardship."

For these contributions, for his dedication and love of the Society, Frank Zadra is a worthy honoree as the 2013 Founders Award recipient.

Results of the 2013 GCS Golf Championships

Championship Flight (Hickory)

Gross		Net	
1st	Jack Crosby, 81	Eddie Breeden, 73	
2nd	Andy Moye, 87	Chris Hardy, 79	
3rd	Bill Kreisler, 92	John Myler, 81	

Senior Championship (Hickory)

Gross		Net	
1st	Dana Niehaus, 78	Charles Mitchell, 68	
2nd	Michael Shiff, 81	Bill Reed, 69	
3rd	John Hutton, 83	Paul Adams, 71	

Modern Division

Gross		Net	
1st	Ben Freeman, 79	Gayle Crosby, 69	
2nd	John McNey, 85	Kelly Fitzpatrick, 79	
3rd	Stan Lapidus, 94		

Scramble

1st -	Micah Bosman, Greg Hall, Dave Blocksidge, Gene Bolden
2nd -	Tom Irving, Robert Hanlon, Marv Utsinger, Joe De Wulf
3rd -	Bill Peters, Tom Borger, Stuart Bendelow, Bobby Farino



GCS golf champs Dana Niehaus (Senior Division), left, and Jack Crosby (Open Division) with their trophies. Nice golfing, gentlemen.



Great finds, good friends

Your editor had dozens of photos from which to choose and would have filled several more pages had he the space. Clockwise from bottom: renowned golf landscape artist Linda Hartough displayed her wonderful work at the show; Don Gunderson was happy to have sold two rake irons and said that he was "enjoying the show – one of the best in years"; BGCS President Philip Truett had a table display of paper collectibles from cards to illustrations ("I usually charge for my photo," he said.); Tom Borger purchased a Penfold Man from Chick Evans' table and was quite delighted with his purchase; Mike Daniels' table included a fine set of money/player ID clips from the Ryder Cup – an all Captain's set – from 1951 to 1987... asking price was \$1,495.



On the back cover. Clockwise from lower left: member Richard McDonough with a copy of his new book *Great Golf Collections of the World*; golfers Jim Thomas, Russ Fisher, and Bill Reed; Rita Dieter at the trade show; Jim Jeselnick honing the putting stroke; BGCS Captain David Kirkwood in a Masters caddy uniform worn by Jack Nicklaus' son, Jackie, at the 1986 Masters, and signed by Jack Nicklaus; a 13-inch tall wooden shafted "apprentice club" at the table of Joseph Meeham who describes it as a scared neck piece that was made by early golf apprentices as part of their "exam", it was stamped with the name of D. Tucker, a pro who briefly worked in the Washington D.C. area in the early 1920s (about \$500-\$600).

