

2016 Annual Meeting - Sept. 17-20

From the trade show, to the wonderful banquet, and golf outing, 2016 hosts Bob and Mary Gettis outdid themselves. Every aspect was spot on. The Kalahari Resorts, while a long walk from the lobby to our rooms!, was comfortable and our rooms were convenient to our meetings and the trade show itself. It was one of the better attended shows in recent years.

Guest speaker Jay Sigel showed what a class act he is. He shared his experiences, his philosophy on life (*Three ages – Youth, Maturity, and You Look Great*) and encouraging words that all of us working together are much better than a few working just for themselves.

Pete Trenham and Tom Steinhardt had great talks about golf history and collecting. Many thanks to these gentlemen for their presentations.

The visit to the USGA Museum in Far Hills, N.J., was a treat of the first order. The many USGA representatives made us feel like part of the family. The visit included a presentation on presidential golf history in the Ben Hogan Room by USGA historian Victoria Student, to an exclusive tour of the research facility and plenty of time to take in the incredible Jack Nicklaus Room and the Arnold Palmer Center for Golf History.

You will find a few photos here and much more on the meeting in the December *Bulletin*.

We'll be in Southern Pines, N.C., next year in November for our AGM and Trade show. Details will be announced as they are finalized.



Jay Sigel addresses the GCS at the annual banquet. He has had quite a golfing career – two-time U.S. Amateur Champion, U.S. Mid-Amateur Champion, Senior Pro Rookie of the Year, and a winner of the Bobby Jones Award.



Above, enjoying a quiet moment on the veranda before the annual banquet.

Left, three ladies kindly agreed to a photo at the banquet. (Send me your names to add here!!)



Right, George Petro, left, and Wayne Xing check out a golf club at the trade show.



L to R: Barbara Crist, Donna Brown-Hamilton, Lee Crist, and an unidentified gentleman get acquainted before the banquet.



L to R: Frank Zadra, Jim Dryer, Tom Irving, Donna Brown-Hamilton, Wayne Xing, and Bryant Murphy were among the many winners of the golf outing. We'll put a complete list in the December *Bulletin* and in the event results below.



John Spitzer, managing director of USGA Equipment Standards, illustrates one of the many clubs his department receives for approval as a conforming club. This putter, about half the size of a dinner plate, did not pass.



Artifacts from the career of Mickey Wright in the USGA Museum.



Founder's Award recipient Gene Boldon with his wife, Gaynelle.



Taking in the storied history that Jack Nicklaus created over the span of his golf career.



The famous trophies of USGA-sponsored events live here when they are not being presented.



This rude fellow thought he was being funny. Visitors were allowed to handle a replica of the U.S. Open Trophy... with white gloves.



Patti Pittinger, right, and Phyllis Riffle pose for a photo before the golf outing.



Mike Beckerich, left, and Brad Baird at the golf outing... before the betting got serious!



John Butler, left, and Keith Campbell, right, pose with Greg Wall, pro at the Pocono Manor Golf Course. Greg is the son of Art Wall, 14-time winner on the PGA tour and 1959 Masters champion.