

RE: Golden Anniversary Celebration

Dear Fellow Golf Course Superintendent:

As you probably already know, the GCSAA will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, 1976! This Golden Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Sylvania Country Club, where it all began for the Association 50 years ago, on Monday, September 13, 1976.

Preliminary plans for the event call for a full day of festivities including demonstrations of 1926, or older equipment, and historic displays.

As a member of the Golden Anniversary Committee, part of my responsibilities are to find "Old Equipment" dated somewhere between 1926 and 1936 for an "Inside Display".

The Inside Display will consist of small golf course equipment, pictures, books, magazines, letters and other old golf course items. A list is to follow. If you should have anything that would help in reliving those days of 'yesteryears', please contact me at AC 219-747-3016 or write to the address below so we can make the proper arrangements for transportation to Sylvania C. C. for the Golden Anniversary Celebration. Anything loaned will be treated gently and returned after the festivities at our expense.

A helpful list of old equipment for the Inside Display:

small golf course equipment: divot tools; old spiking shoes; wooden rakes; cup changers; flags, poles, cups; leather horse shoes; spreaders; tee marker stations; horse drawn sod cutter; verti-cut rakes.

pictures: of old golf course equipment; before and after of golf courses; courses in construction - being done by horses!; golfers (men and women) in 1926 clothes; picture postcards; cartoons of golfers or golf courses; newspaper picture clippings; old prints or paintings.

books: on golf course maintenance; turfgrass books; golf course architecture; golf course construction; bibliography books; golf course superintendent magazines; golf course rules.

letters: from other superintendents; maybe from a United States President or Foreign leader; newspaper clippings.

misc.: information pamphlets from manufactures on chemicals; pamphlets from universities on golf course maintenance; unusual wooden golf clubs.

Your help would be most appreciated to relive those 'yesteryears' and to help make your Golden Anniversary a success!

Thanking you in advance for looking in those dark attics and closets and in those out of the way places around the maintenance building, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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