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Greetings!

Enclosed is your registration packet for the Society's 53rd Annual Convention. We are very excited to be returning to ever-popular Pinehurst, North Carolina. Your Planning Committee has put together a don't-miss slate of fun and interesting activities in "The Cradle of American Golf."

This Sandhills town has always had lots to offer golfers. Now there's even more. In recent months the USGA finished its new Golf House Pinehurst which includes its new "USGA Experience" Museum and a relocated World Golf Hall of Fame. Both are receiving rave reviews.

Ever-mindful of the need to carefully manage convention costs, your Committee is taking advantage of several locations to make it both memorable and affordable. Details are provided inside the packet but here are just a few highlights:

- Hotel: Homewood Suites offers a convenient location and a reduced rate for GHS attendees.
- Meetings: The hotel will host some of our smaller educational sessions and we'll enjoy a larger space at the new USGA Museum for our general session on Friday.
- VIP Reception: GHS members are invited to a private VIP experience at the USGA Museum and World Golf Hall of Fame.
- Golf: We'll tee it up at two fine Southern Pines courses. Our "early bird" outing will be on Wednesday at Hyland Golf Club. The GHS National Golf Tournament on Thursday will be at Longleaf Golf & Family Club, followed by a "19th Hole" gathering.
- Banquet: We will dine in style at the prestigious Country Club of North Carolina.
- Annual Trade Show: On Saturday, we'll be at the well-located Fair Barn.

This year we'll be joined by a group of classic clubs enthusiasts, all of whom are now GHS members. They will stage their own two-day event. More info is available in your packet.

This convention offers many fun and interesting activities. It does so essentially at cost to make it as affordable as possible. Ordinarily, net revenues from past conventions provided support for GHS operations to better serve you. Without sponsorships, that won't be the case this year. If you can help identify potential convention sponsors, please contact me at 1-207-245-4417.

With all best wishes, I look forward to seeing you in Pinehurst.

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