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Founded 1970 as
The Golf Collectors Society
by Joseph S.F. Murdoch
and Robert Kuntz

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GHS Members,

A month ago the GHS Annual Meeting Committee was buoyantly optimistic that the Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh would take place. Unfortunately the 'flattening of the curve' was a momentary occurrence and for the last few weeks Arizona, California, Texas and Florida proved that our best national efforts to combat the virus were not sufficient. Since our president, Bern Bernacki, is a physician residing in Pittsburgh, he was in daily contact with the Allegheny County Department of Public Health so we could monitor the local situation as closely as anyone could.

Rather than risk the health and well-being of our members, or having us be disappointed by suddenly cancelling a week or two prior to Oct. 1 owing to a serious flare up of the contagion, the GHS officers and board chose to suspend the meeting. Registration information was to have gone out in the mail two weeks ago but we held off pending the rapidly changing conditions and we were correct to do so. The uncertainties of the remainder of 2020 are not predictable.

However... (we hope you are all still listening), we can tell you that we are going to celebrate the Society's 50th anniversary... at the same hotel in Pittsburgh... with an almost identical agenda... in October 2021 (public health issues permitting). Yes, we are postponing our 50th annual meeting into our 51st year.

In the meantime, to fill the void we are working on some other entertainments to keep our members involved, communicating and learning. We'll be promoting them with email blast messages and they will always be listed on the website as well.

To say that we, the officers, board members and meeting committee are mightily disappointed is an understatement. We had put in extraordinary efforts to make the 2020 meeting a stellar event. The Year of the Pandemic will be one that few will look back on happily. We don't want the health of our members to be compromised in any way so the cancellation was truly for the good of the order.

The DoubleTree – Monroeville awaits us in another 15 months (Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 2021) as does Arnie's tractor on the first tee at Latrobe Country Club. Mark your 2021 calendar now.

Respectfully,

Pete Georgiady, Executive Director
Dr. Bern Bernacki, President
The GHS Board of Directors

HONORING THE HISTORY OF THE GAME