Divotees Golf Club records, 1921-1995
MC.950.055
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Summary Information

Repository

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Creator - Author

Balderston, Robert L.

Creator - Author

Yarnall, Charles, 1800-1877

Title

Divotees Golf Club records

Date

1921-1995

Extent

0.44 Linear feet

Language

English

Preferred Citation

Divotees Golf Club records (MC.950.055), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Historical note

The Divotees were founded in 1921. Robert Yarnall is credited with their founding. It was originally only open to Quakers, although later in its existence the definition of "Quaker" was loosened considerably.

Scope and Contents

The Divotees were a largely Quaker club. The records of the Divotees, 1921-1995, indicate that meetings generally involved a game of golf in addition to club business, such as nominating new members and taking and spending money. Also included are records of each member's handicap, prizes awarded, and the complete records of each year's games. These records are combined into yearly publications: the "Divotee Mirror," later the "Divotee Record." This publication also records the Divotees' rivalry with the Ozones, another golf club, occasional golfing trips to Bermuda, and the jokes, songs, cartoons, poems and other lighthearted material related to the club. Presidents of the Divotees include D.R. Yarnall, I.P. Miller, R.M. Gummere, A.C. Wood, Jr., M.A. Linton, C.C. Morris, S.E. Stokes, J.E. Shipley, C.L. Reagan, J.H. Buzby, F.C. Sharpless, D.L. Burgess, E.L. Webster, E.A. Russell, T.W. Elkington, W.H. Roberts, Jr., H.T. Greenwood, Jr., R.W. Leeds, E.N. Cooper, Sr., H.H. Morris, M.A. Linton, Jr., R.L. Balderston, Joseph E. Rogers, Tim Elkington, Robert J. Rogers, D. Robert Yarnall, William Greenwood, Lewis M. Robbins, E. Newby Cooper, Walter Lamb, James B. Bradbeer, J. Morris Evans, Alden Bennett, T.S. Coxe, James B. Yarnall, R. Larry Zullinger, Jr., W.W. Olmstead, W.C. Evans, and W.H. Lord. Many prominent Quakers were members of the Divotees, including James P. Magill and members of the Cadbury, Gummere, Leeds, Morris, Rhoads, Sharpless, Shipley, Stokes and Yarnall families. The club awarded prizes for the lowest total scores, as well as the highest number of match points and the most improved player. The prize for most-improved player was a dozen golf balls paid for by the player whose scores had declined the most. The other prizes were cups.

These papers were originally stored in two binders. The first is stored in full (Vol. 1, 1930-1944). The second (1920-1995) is split among folders following the dividers in the original binder.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections February 2016
Use Restrictions

Standard Federal Copyright Law Applies (U.S. Title 17).

Acquisition

These papers were donated by Robert L. Balderston, Haverford College class of 1939, in 1999. Accession No. 6361.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Business -- Religious aspects -- Society of Friends
- Clubs
- Golf
# Collection Inventory

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