

TREASURE SEARCH

Golf bottle may be club house decanter

BY FRANK AND NANCY BOOS
SPECIAL WRITER

Dear Nancy and Frank:

I bought this bottle for 5 cents at a rummage sale. It is pressed glass and about 10 1/4 inches high. There are silver streaks over the golfer and tree. Would appreciate anything you

might know about this item.

Dorothy E.F.,
Beverly Hills

Dear Dorothy:

This bottle is probably either a whiskey, seltzer or cider bottle. It doesn't quite have the proper bottle shape at the neck, however. The neck should be either shorter or longer and looks as though it may have been broken at one

time and ground down. Or possibly, if a seltzer bottle, just the metal top portion is missing.

We think it may have been a decanter or bar bottle at the 19th hole of a golf club around the 1920s or 1930s because of the golfer's mode of dress. The silver streaks indicate that it might be a form of art glass, probably European.

We spoke with Dorothy who told us, unfortunately, that there are no marks or signatures on the bottom of the bottle. But because it is very attractive and deals with golf, an area of collecting extremely popular, we feel that this bottle could be priced at \$200 to \$300 in a retail sports memorabilia shop.

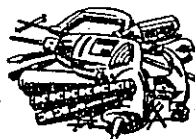
In any event, Dorothy, you're a winner! You have a nice piece of art glass and a great return on your nickel! We should all spend our money so well!

Nancy and Frank Boos are with the Frank H. Boos Gallery, an appraisal firm and auction house at 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills that has been in the auction business for more than 30 years. Do you have an item you would like to know about? Send in a good photo of it, along with its description (including size, working parts, etc.) and any known provenance (history) to Treasure Search, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Include your name, community and phone number.



Above par: This attractive bottle dealing with the popular collecting area of golf could be worth \$300.

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