

Restoring Pinehurst No. 2

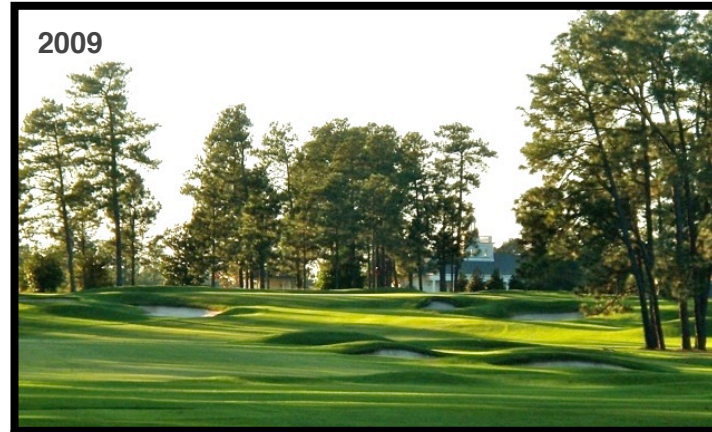
Reclaiming a Masterpiece

Armed with a treasure trove of historic black-and-white images from the Tufts Archives and a 1939 aerial photograph — which Project Manager, Toby Cobb, calls their “Holy Grail” — Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw meticulously returned Pinehurst No. 2 to the approximate look, shape, and playing character of its original identity. Thanks to their attention to detail, today’s version of Hole 9 (below) appears to be a carbon copy of Donald Ross’s 1936 rendition (above).



Pinehurst No. 2's Transformation

2009



Uncovering Ross

By stripping away 36-acres of bermuda turf and over 500 irrigation heads from the perimeters of each hole, Team Coore & Crenshaw uncovered the sandy hardpan compositions of Pinehurst's native rough habitats. Today, stray pine cones, drifting pine straw, and the addition of 80,000 tufts of wire grass help recapture the rugged patina of the North Carolina Sandhills. As shown on Hole 13 (below), Pinehurst No. 2 once again looks and feels like an early-American classic.

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