

Donald Ross Society outing: Thompson Society Highland Ambassador joins the Florida trip



The January Ross Florida swing, arranged by Ross Society Outings Chairman, Derek Dobbs, was a six-day affair, playing six Ross courses with a visit to the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Bob Weaver, Thompson Society Ambassador for Highland Country Club in London, Ontario was the STS emissary for the outing.

DRS President Gerry Stratford sent this note during the trip: "I am overwhelmed with trying to keep up with the long drives, straight putts and tolerance for fun demonstrated by Bob Weaver."

The Thompson and Ross Societies have similar goals in terms of course preservation and are currently discussing forming an alliance to further their common objectives.

(above) The full group at Sawgrass Country Club, Derek Dobbs home course; 1-Bob Weaver, 2-Derek Dobbs, 3-Gerry Stratford, President DRS. (right) Derek Dobbs and Bob Weaver at number one tee, Hyde Park.

Of note:

"While it is true that in *The Architects of Golf*, Cornish & Whitten suggest that Hyde Park was revised by Stanley Thompson, the provenance is not clearly established, and management there still insists that the original design was by Donald Ross.

"Thompson involvement seems possible, as the large and high greenside bunkers with flashed-up faces are more Thompson-like than Ross. Another possibility is that Thompson's construction company did the build from Ross drawings."



May 16 seminar

Lynn Campbell moderator

The final seminar is Sunday, May 16. This all day affair will address questions facing future golf course architecture and golf as a business. The lineup includes notable speakers and panelists.

It will be held at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute with a tour of the turfgrass plots at the end of the day.

To register for May 16, or for further information, please contact: Carolyn Ferguson at 905 849-9700 ext. 265; or cferguson@rcga.org



Lynn Campbell, Senior Development Manager, Library and the College of Arts, University of Guelph, will take on the role of moderator at the May 16 seminar.

An accomplished speaker, she will guide six speakers and four panels through discussions about the future of architecture, new environmental regulations and market trends in the industry.

The all day session will be held at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute.

Your membership renewal invoice has been sent to you. On confirmation of your renewal, the Society will issue its new membership card, which is in a passport format.

As part of the TaP program (Thompson access Program - member benefits), members will have access to a number of Stanley Thompson clubs.

Procedures and a list of participating clubs will be sent with your passport.

