

Directory of Golf Courses
Designed by Donald J. Ross
- Golf Course Architect -

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Donald Ross Society

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THE TUFTS ARCHIVES
Pinehurst, North Carolina

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The following list of the golf courses designed by Donald J. Ross originally was started in 1986 by the late W. Pete Jones, a fan of Donald Ross and a historian at heart. The original list was taken from the pages of *The Golf Course* by Geoffrey Cornish and Ron Whitten. The Ross courses on that list were contacted by Pete and surveyed as to their Ross heritage and supporting documents. The Donald Ross Society was created in 1989 and Pete became the Historian of the Society. He was joined by one of the Founders of the Society, Mike Fay, in further clarifying the list.

Over the next ten years many additions and deletions were made. All of the materials that were used in determining the provenance of these courses are kept at The Tufts Archives in Pinehurst, North Carolina, where the papers of Donald Ross reside. Pete Jones died in 1998, and the work on the list continued with the assistance of Archivist Kristine Janizuk and Mike Fay. The late Gery Krewson, with input from Mike Fay and others, further refined the list for inclusion in Bradley Klein's book *Discovering Donald Ross*, published in 2001. Audrey Moriarty became the Archivist in 2002 and did the yeoman job of organizing the papers of Ross, Pete Jones, and the many documents that were collected by Mike Fay. She was greatly aided by an Archives volunteer, John Root, who organized the scanning of all the documents and computerized all the raw data. In 2007, Jan Ludwig, a retired professor, became involved and did considerable research in further refinement of the list. Work continues on the list with Audrey, John, Jan, and Mike seeking and gathering further information.

Notes to the 2018 Revision

This revision of the Directory of Donald Ross Golf Courses is largely the result of research I have done at The Tufts Archives in Pinehurst, North Carolina, over the last ten years, with the help and advice of many other individuals. In particular, new facts often appear after a representative of a Ross club sends a request for information to the Archives; I want to thank those people for prompting me to additional investigation. If my also encouraging them to dig deeper has sometimes helped to increase our mutual knowledge of Ross and his courses, that is so much the better. There are three individuals I need to thank for helping with my research: Paul Dunn, Chris Buie and Sven Nilsen; they have contributed significantly to the accuracy of this list, and to our knowledge of Ross's work. Many fellow members of the Donald Ross Society, especially Michael Fay and Brad Becken, have provided insights into this or that detail about various Ross courses; they also deserve my thanks. Finally, my research could not have been done without the resources of The Tufts Archives and the friendly assistance of the professionals who work there: Audrey Moriarty, Melissa Bielby, Lori Wright and Kay Lund. Fellow long-time Archives volunteer John Root and Donald Ross Society colleague John Stiles helped in many ways, including the formatting and presentation of this listing.

It is of the very nature of projects like this one that they are never really completed; therefore, comments and criticisms, corrections and additions, are always welcome, to be sent to me via info@giventufts.com.

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Tufts Archives Volunteer

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The Tufts Archives is a non-profit organization that preserves and displays the unique history of Pinehurst, North Carolina, from its founding in 1895 to the present. The archives, located in a wing of the Given Memorial Library on the Village Green in Pinehurst, were built in 1975. Its creation was spurred by Richard S. Tufts, grandson of the founder of the village, James Walker Tufts. Richard Tufts and other family members created the Tufts Foundation, which provided the funding for the archives, and a small endowment.

The archives operate through the generous donations of our patrons, the sale of images and graphics, and specific fundraisers; it is open to the public, researchers, media and scholars free of charge.

The Tufts Archives exhibits photographs, documents, maps and artifacts from the Tufts family and the people who visited, worked and lived in Pinehurst. Included are James W. Tufts' marble and silver 19th century Artic Soda Fountain machine and items from the Tufts Silver plate business. Sales from the designs and patents for the soda machines and the company James Tufts founded, the American Soda Fountain Company, provided the fortune that made Pinehurst possible.

No history of Pinehurst is complete without the story of Donald Ross. The Tufts Archives has many of the original golf course plans of Ross, the famed Scottish-born golf course architect. Donald Ross was credited with designing or revising more than 400 courses, including internationally acclaimed Pinehurst No.2. He lived and worked in the village every season from 1900 until his death in 1948. The Tufts Archives is the repository for the original plans, field notes and drawings, and course layouts for many Ross-designed courses.

The Tufts Archives has over 175,000 historic images, 80,000 of them comprising the John Hemmer Collection. Hemmer was the official resort photographer for more than four decades from the late 1920s. His photos promoted Pinehurst on the front, sports and society pages of newspapers across the country. The maps at the Archives include the drawing for the layout of the Village of Pinehurst, created by the firm of Fredrick Law Olmsted, who designed Central Park in New York and the Emerald Necklace in Boston, among others. Photographs and plans for some of the original village cottages and buildings are also available.

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