

*Donald Ross*  
*Garden Dedication*

# **DONALD J. ROSS**

**Born November 23, 1872**

**Dornoch, Scotland**

**Died April 26, 1948**

**Pinehurst, NC**

Probably no one had greater influence upon the growth of golf in Pinehurst, or elsewhere in the golf world, than Donald J. Ross. Mr. Ross, a professional for six years at Royal Dornoch Golf Club, was engaged by James Walker Tufts in 1901 and given sole authority over the development of golf in Pinehurst. He had exclusive control of course construction, maintenance, the golf shop and tournaments.

Ross' craftsmanship is celebrated around the world. He designed or redesigned over 400 courses throughout North America. Ross built four courses for Pinehurst Resort, including what's considered his finest creation — Pinehurst No. 2. Of this course he said, "I sincerely believe this course to be the fairest test of championship golf I have ever designed." Ross continuously reshaped and refined his beloved No. 2 until his death in 1948.

Today we dedicate this statue and garden to commemorate the life and work of Donald J. Ross. From this setting, visitors can look out with Ross at the masterfully designed No. 2 and feel a sense of appreciation for this legendary lover of the game.

## **GRETTA BADER**

Gretta Bader received her art education at the Corcoran School of Art and the Rhode Island School of Design. She also spent a year at the Akademie der Bildenden Künste in Munich, Germany. Ms. Bader has shared her knowledge of and appreciation for the demanding medium of sculpture by having taught at the Art League School in Virginia and by serving as Chairman of the Sculpture Department. She has participated in numerous exhibitions throughout the United States and has an extensive list of commissioned works, both public and private. The most recent of these works is the sculpture of Senator J. William Fulbright for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

*Design and consultation for the Donald Ross Memorial Garden were provided by the landscape design firm of Hayter, Reynolds & Jewell.*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1991**

**Eight o'clock p.m.**

*Opening remarks*

*Recognition of honored guests*

**John Derr**

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**Deane R. Beman**

**Commissioner, PGA TOUR**

—

**Robert H. Dedman**

**Chairman, CLUB CORP**

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*Introduction of Ross Family*

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*Unveiling*

**Mrs. Lillian Ross Pippitt**

**Daughter of Donald Ross**

# Ross Statue Is Dedicated In Garden Off No. 2 Course

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As part of a continuing effort to preserve the rich history and traditions of Pinehurst Resort and Country Club, a memorial garden and life size bronze statue have been dedicated to commemorate the life and work of golf course designer, Donald J. Ross.

The garden is located adjacent to the 18th green of Pinehurst No. 2, considered to be Ross' finest creation.

The focal point of the memorial garden is the bronze statue of Donald Ross. The striking sculpture captures the character and spirit of Ross as he gazes down the 18th fairway.

"Probably no one had greater influence upon the growth of golf in Pinehurst than Donald Ross," said Don Padgett, director of golf for Pinehurst and a past PGA President. "From 1901 until his death in 1948, he had sole authority over course construction, maintenance, the golf shop and tournaments. The statue and garden will be a lasting tribute to a man whose contributions to golf and to Pinehurst are immeasurable."

The artist, Gretta Bader of Alexandria, Va., paid close attention to detail in sculpting Mr. Ross, from his wire rim spectacles to the turned up toes on his shoes, indicative of an avid golfer.



*Donald Ross statue in garden*

On hand for the unveiling of the statue were Mrs. Lillian Ross Pipitt of Freedom, N.H., daughter of Donald Ross; Deane Beman, Commissioner of the PGA Tour; and Robert Dedman, Chairman of Club Corporation of America, owner of Pinehurst Resort and Country Club.

The primary objectives of the garden were to be sensitive to the Ross style of land forms and to create a space in keeping with its surroundings and easy to understand and to enter.

A dark green background hedge surrounds the garden, highlighting the sculpture and screening out visual distractions. Land forms, carefully sculpted in the foreground, are evocative of Ross' own design style. Finally, easy access is provided to ensure that visitors can enjoy and appreciate the garden.

Design and consultation for the garden were provided by the landscape design firm of Hayter, Reynolds & Jewell.

From this simple and relaxed setting, visitors can look out with Ross at his masterfully designed No. 2 course and feel a sense of appreciation for this legendary lover of the game.

## Would You Believe.....

The Walt Disney Co. is in the process of hiring an army — 12,000 people in all for its new park scheduled to open next year near Paris.