



Overview

Pine Lakes Country Club

Pine Lakes Country Club, Myrtle Beach's first golf resort, has served as the epitome of the traditional golf resort since opening in 1927 as the Ocean Forest Country Club. Designed by St. Andrews, Scotland native Robert White, Pine Lakes put Myrtle Beach on the map as the destination of choice for the country's most elite families.

Owned and operated by Burroughs & Chapin Company, Inc., Pine Lakes began an extensive, multi-million dollar project in 2006 with a vision of restoring the course and clubhouse to its glory days, with a scheduled March 2009 grand opening.

The restoration of Pine Lakes Country Club is being directed by nationally-known golf restoration architect Craig Schreiner, who previously collaborated with 1994 British Open champion Nick Price on The Members Club at Grande Dunes in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Committed to restoring the course to White's drawings as much as possible, Schreiner established continuity between White's original nine holes, with his own newly-created nine holes, to provide golfers with an authentic visit back to early 20th century Scottish golf.

Schreiner and staff have made many improvements to Myrtle Beach's original course to enhance the playability and enjoyment for golfers of all skill levels. Seashore Paspalum (*Paspalum vaginatum*) grass will be used on the fairways and greens and is a warm season perennial grass known for tolerating high salt content in irrigation water. Seashore Paspalum is native to tropical and subtropical regions of North and South America. In the United States, Seashore Paspalum is found along coastal regions from Texas to Florida and North Carolina southward. Pine Lakes is the northern-most golf course that Seashore Paspalum has been added.

In addition to the new Seashore Paspalum grass, which is more environmentally-friendly and the course's modern irrigation system, golfers will find four sets of enlarged tee boxes in the classical rectangular shape to accommodate varying levels of play, while facing fewer forced carries and blind water hazards that will make Pine Lakes more visually accessible. Over time, the Pine Lakes' greens and bunkers had shrunk by as much as one-third of their original size. Schreiner has restored both to as close to White's original sizes as possible using schematic drawings by White. Using 1937 aerial photography of the course from discovered in the Pine Lakes Clubhouse, Schreiner also added native waste areas on several holes to match the feel of White's Pine Lakes design. The golf cart path will be natural trails and will be relocated to service the new tee locations and green complexes.

During the 1920s, the Ocean Forest Hotel and Country Club was alive with nightly events and celebrations and was well-known for its elegance and splendor. When envisioning the plans for

the restoration of the Pine Lakes Clubhouse, Burroughs & Chapin wanted to bring the grandeur and regal stature of the once-great Ocean Forest Hotel to the clubhouse. The results are a magnificent refurbishment of a Myrtle Beach icon, creating a venue that is the ideal setting for golfers to relax with a 19th-hole cocktail, as well as the perfect site for lavish weddings, birthday celebrations, holiday galas, family reunions and community meetings.

Myrtle Beach area interior design company, Knotting Hill Interiors by Kimberly Grigg, was chosen to create the exquisite interior design that will match the clubhouse's classic architectural style. The clubhouse will consist of the traditional pro shop and locker rooms for golfers; the Robert White Pub, a public grill that will accommodate guests for lunch and post-golf celebrations; the Library/History Hall where the memories and tradition of Pine Lakes will be displayed; the Snug Pub, the original meeting place of the *Sports Illustrated* editors in 1954 and two ballrooms for events, meetings and parties.

The former Governor's Suite has been redesigned into the Recreational Wing to offer a fitness center, locker rooms, a snack and gathering area, and an outdoor pool open to Pine Lakes' social members.

Just off the clubhouse, with the golf course as a backdrop, is the Garden at Pine Lakes, a private area with a veranda that will be used for weddings and events. The Garden offers a lush, private area with full-catering services on premises for all events.

The Pine Lakes Clubhouse will be available for weddings beginning May 2009, with a staff experienced in coordinating and managing the event from start to finish; flowers, photographs, accommodations at The Marina Inn at Grande Dunes, a spa day for the wedding party before the big day, special drinks for the wedding couple and a personalized Web site template.

The Pine Lakes restoration project will also involve the addition of a 282-acre exclusive gated neighborhood featuring 179 new single-family homes designed with a classic, lowcountry style.

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