



## **Fact Sheet**

### **Pine Lakes Country Club**

- Pine Lakes Country Club is located on the site of the original Ocean Forest Country Club
- Ocean Forest Country Club opened in 1927 as Myrtle Beach's first golf course and was a nine-hole playground for the country's most elite families in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- In November 2006, Pine Lakes began an extensive, multi-million dollar project to restore 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.
- Schreiner designed Pine Lakes Country Club in a strategic golf architecture style – the more risks taken by the golfer, the better scoring opportunities
- The original Robert White designed nine-hole course remains as holes 10 – 18. Sixteen of Robert White's original 18 corridors were preserved with holes #17 and #18 converted into a Pine Lakes entrance from Grissom Parkway
- The modifications at Pine Lakes have changed the course from a 6,600-yard par 71 course to a 6,700-yard par 70 course
- Pine Lakes features four sets of tees:
  - Oak - 6709 yards
  - Magnolia - 6353 yards
  - Myrtle - 5997 yards
  - Holly - 5142 yards
- 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Native to tropical and subtropical regions of North and South America, Seashore Paspalum is found along coastal regions from Texas to Florida and North Carolina southward. Pine Lakes is the northern-most golf course where Seashore Paspalum will be featured.
- 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 to 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 original sizes as possible using schematic drawings done by White. Greens were enlarged back to their original size of 5,000 square feet each, increased from the average of 3,500 of the old course
- Shaped for great movement and to help drainage, Craig Schreiner designed the Pine Lakes greens to be best received at a certain angle to reward good shots
- All Pine Lakes bunkers contain the orange-colored indigenous sand of the coastal area
- Using 1937 aerial photography of the course discovered in the Pine Lakes Clubhouse, Schreiner also added native waste areas on several holes to match the original design.
- Similar to the Scottish design style of fairways without bunkers, only three Pine Lakes holes present bunker challenges; holes #7, 15 and 17
- The golf cart path will be natural trails and will be relocated to service the new tee locations and green complexes
- Nearly every hole on the course features a view of the elegant Pine Lakes clubhouse
- During the 1920's, 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 result will be 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 for lavish weddings, birthday celebrations, holiday galas, family reunions and community meetings.
- Local 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 back in 1954 and two ballrooms for events, meetings and parties.

- The former Governor's Suite has been redesigned into the Recreational Wing that will 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 that can host up to 300 guests and Pine Lakes features 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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