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## GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

United States Golf Association  
114<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open Championship  
June 9 - 15, 2014

Pinehurst Resort and Country Club  
Course No. 2  
Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

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## Golf Course Management Information

### GCSAA Class A Director, Grounds and Golf Course Management:

Robert O. Farren Jr., CGCS

*The title "CGCS," after a superintendent's name, stands for Certified Golf Course Superintendent, which recognizes the achievement of high standards of professionalism through education and experience.*

#### Availability to media:

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#### Education:

B.S., Recreation and Tourism, Marshall University, Huntington, W.Va., 1979

**Years as a GCSAA member:** 38

**Years GCSAA certified:** 29

#### GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association

**Years at this course:** 32

**Number of maintenance employees:** 230

**Number of tournament volunteers:** 50

#### Previous tournaments hosted at facility:

1999, 2005 U.S. Open; 1951 Ryder Cup; 1936 PGA Championship; 1962, 2008 U.S. Men's Amateur Championship; 1991-1992 THE TOUR Championship; 1994 U.S. Senior Open; 1993 Maxfli PGA Junior Championship; 1989 U.S. Women's Amateur; 1987, 1992 Independent Insurance Youth Classic (Big I); 1980 Men's & Women's World Amateur Team Championship; 1967 World Senior Amateur Team Championship; 1979-2013 North & South Junior Tournament; 1973-1982 World Golf Hall of Fame Classic; 1971-

1974, 1988 PGA Club Professionals Championship; 1966 Western Golf Association Amateur Championship; 1965, 1977 Southern Golf Association Amateur Championship; 1958-2013 North & South Senior Women's Amateur; 1952-2013 North & South Senior Men's Amateur; 1948-2013 Donald Ross Memorial Junior; 1903-2013 North & South Women's Amateur; 1902-1951 North & South Open Championship; 1901-2013 North & South Men's Amateur

### GCSAA Class A Golf Course

#### Superintendent:

Richard K. Robinson, CGCS

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#### Education:

B.S., Agronomy w/ concentration in Turf, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C., 1992

**Years as a GCSAA member:** 16

**Years GCSAA certified:** 11

#### GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association

**Years at this course:** 4

**Previous positions:** 1995-1999, Golf Course Superintendent, Pinehurst Resort and Country Club No. 6 & 7, Pinehurst, LLC; Pinehurst, N.C.; 1998-1999, Golf Course Superintendent, Pinehurst Resort and Country Club No. 3 & 5, Pinehurst, N.C.

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## Course statistics

**Average green size:** 6,388 sq. ft.

**Acres of fairway:** 28 (in 2005)

**Source of water:** Lake Pinehurst

**Acres of rough:**

0 for regular play, 50 for U.S. Open

**Sand bunkers:** 111

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## Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
<b>U.S. Open</b>	7562	70	76.0	147
<b>Blue</b>	6930	70	73.8	136
<b>White</b>	6307	70	M. 70.7 W 76.9	M 130 W 141
<b>Green</b>	5822	70	M 68.2 W 73.8	M 126 W 133
<b>Red</b>	5267	70	70.2	129

## Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
<b>Tees</b>	Tifway 419 bermudagrass	0.4"
<b>Fairways</b>	Tifway 419 bermudagrass	0.4"
<b>Greens</b>	A1/A4 bentgrass	0.125"
<b>Rough</b>	Tifway 419 bermudagrass	

## Interesting and historical course-related facts

Pinehurst No. 2, the centerpiece of Pinehurst Resort, remains one of the world's most celebrated golf courses. It has served as the site of more single golf championships than any course in America and will make history, becoming the first to serve as host to the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open Championships in consecutive weeks.

Opened in 1907, No. 2 was designed by Donald Ross, who called it "the fairest test of championship golf I have ever designed." Ross was associated with the course for nearly a half-century, improving the course continually until his death in 1948. No. 2 is best known for its crowned, undulating greens, which are some of the most complex and widely hailed in the world. Ross believed in providing golfers with strategic choices, and Pinehurst No. 2 was intended to epitomize that philosophy.

In March 2011, No. 2 reopened following a yearlong, \$2.5 million restoration by the design firm Coore & Crenshaw, who restored the course's natural and historic character. The project included the removal of about 35 acres of turf and the reintroduction of hardpan, natural bunker edges and native wire grasses.

Other restoration improvements included widening fairways by about 50 percent; eliminating all rough; stripping about 35 acres of irrigated turf and restoring it to natural areas featuring sand, wire grass, pine straw and native grasses; reducing irrigation heads, down to 450 from 1,125, and restoring the old irrigation lines; eliminating, reshaping or restoring several bunkers, based on aerial images from the 1940s; adding eight new tees to the championship course; and minor modifications to the greens on No. 15 and No. 17.

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### Course architect/date:

Donald Ross, 1907

### Most recent redesign/renovation:

Coore & Crenshaw, 2011

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## Other key course personnel

John Jeffreys, Assistant Superintendent  
Alan Owen, Assistant Superintendent  
Andy Cadell, Equipment Manager

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