

The  
**Padgett**

Invitational

October 8th-11th

2025



Don Padgett Sr. and Don Padgett II circa 1975

# Welcome

Dear Participants,

Welcome to the Cradle of American Golf and the 12th edition of *The Padgett*. Our goal is to make this tournament the premier club event at Pinehurst. This week, you'll compete on the championship layouts of Courses No. 7 and No. 9, designed by Rees Jones and Jack Nicklaus, and experience the rare privilege of walking the storied fairways of Donald Ross' masterpiece—Course No. 2—where legends have left their mark.

The Padgett name carries a legacy deeply woven into Pinehurst's history. In 1986, Don Padgett Sr. arrived as Executive Vice President of Golf at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club. Already honored as the 1961 PGA Club Professional of the Year and President of the PGA of America (1977–1978), he was instrumental in bringing Major Championships back to Pinehurst, culminating in the 1999 U.S. Open.

Don Padgett II continued that legacy, serving as President of Pinehurst from 2004–2014. A former PGA Tour professional who qualified for eight PGA Championships and three U.S. Opens, he also claimed victory at the 1989 World Golf Pro-Am on Pinehurst No. 2. His vision and leadership were central to the celebrated restoration of Course No. 2.

We are proud to deliver a championship-caliber experience at every member event we host on Courses No. 7 and No. 9. Should you have any questions or need assistance during the tournament, please do not hesitate to reach out to the PCC Golf Professional Staff.

We look forward to a memorable week both on and off the course.

PCC Golf Professional Staff

# Schedule of Events

## Wednesday, October 8th: No. 7 & No. 9

Optional Practice Round at No. 7 or No. 9	9:33 am - 11:03 am
Par 3 Competition - Shotgun Start on No. 9	5:00 pm
Welcome Reception for participants only at No. 9 Complimentary Beer/Wine service	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## Thursday, October 9th: The No. 2 Experience

Breakfast at the PCC Members Club	6:00 am - 9:15 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Round - 1 <sup>st</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Tee Starts	8:00 am - 10:00 am
Format: 1 BB NET of 2 - Stableford Scoring	
Walking caddies will be provided (gratuity not included)	
Lunch after play at the PCC Members Club	

## Friday, October 10th: No. 7

Breakfast Sandwiches	7:30 am - 9:00 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round - Shotgun Start	9:00 am
Format: 1 BB NET of 2 - Stableford scoring	
Lunch following play	
Player and Spouse Dinner at No. 9	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Live Band	
Complimentary Beer/Wine service	

## Saturday, October 11th: No. 9

Breakfast Sandwiches	7:00 am - 9:00 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Round - Shotgun Start	9:00 am
Format: 1 BB NET of 2 - Stableford scoring	
Shoot-out to determine Overall Champion immediately following play	
Awards Lunch following Shoot-out	
Complimentary Beer/Wine Service	

# Don Padgett Sr.

“Don Padgett made a memorable mark along every step of an illustrious career in golf that spanned more than half a century. He was the consummate club professional in Indiana. He was a visionary and tireless worker as a key PGA of America officer. And he shepherded Pinehurst’s golf operation into today’s golfer era that was capped by the 1999 U.S. Open held on the renowned No. 2 course.

He was a coach, a friend and a mentor. He touched countless lives in and out of the game of golf. His passion above all was junior golf. “Teach a youngster to play golf, Padgett always said, ‘and you instill in him values that will last a lifetime.’”

Always adept at perfect timing, Padgett spent many of his last working hours as Director of Golf Emeritus at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club. His story is entertaining, inspirational and historically significant. Pinehurst, the PGA and the game of golf would be poorer today if not for the influence of ‘Padge’”.

-Lee Pace author of “Padge: Pinehurst’s Coach, Storyteller and Friend”

“He was an institution at Pinehurst and the PGA...Don Padgett was a man of integrity whose admirers are only outnumbered by his friends.” - Jack Nicklaus

# Don Padgett II

Donald Padgett II came to Pinehurst as President in July of 2004. A PGA member for the past 30 years, Padgett is also an accomplished golfer and past PGA Tour professional (1972 - 74) who qualified for six PGA Championships and three U.S. Open Championships.

Formerly Vice President and General Manager of Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, Padgett has served in the ClubCorp family since 1980. Firestone, a ClubCorp Club that has also served as the site of the World Golf Championships' NEC Invitational Tournament, became one of its leading properties during his 25 year tenure there.

Although this is his first official capacity at the cradle of American golf, this is not Padgett's first time at Pinehurst. In 1989 he won the World Golf Pro-Am on Pinehurst No. 2. He is also the son of Donald Padgett Sr., former Director of Golf at Pinehurst and past president of the Professional Golfers Association.

Padgett's extensive golf accomplishments include induction into the Indiana, Delaware County Sports, Northern Ohio PGA and Summit County Sports Halls of Fame. His playing accomplishments are equally impressive, including Indiana Amateur champion, two-time Indiana Open champion, two-time Indiana PGA section champion, four-time Northern Ohio PGA Champion and Ohio Open champion. His most thrilling round came during the 1977 U.S. Open, when, paired with Lee Trevino in the third round, he shot a tournament-low 66.

Padgett is a graduate of Indiana University with a B.A. in Marketing. He resides in Pinehurst with his wife Gabrielle.

# Rules of Play

This event will be contested over 54 holes of Team NET Stableford. Format for each round will be 1 BB of 2. The team that makes the most points after three rounds will be deemed the Flight Champion.

Points will be awarded as follows:

0 pts.	NET Bogey or worse
1 pt.	NET Par
2 pts.	NET Birdie
3 pts.	NET Eagle
6 pts.	Hole in One or Double eagle

TIEBREAKER - In the case of a tie for the Flight Champion, first tiebreaker is the team that makes the most points in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, if still tied then the 2<sup>nd</sup> round points, still tied then 1<sup>st</sup> round points.

## Tees played:

White - Course No. 2

Fairwoods - Course No. 7

White - Course No. 9

There will be a shootout following play to determine the 2025 Padgett Invitational Champion.

**\*In an effort to keep the pace of play moving, anyone who is at NET bogey or worse, we ask that you pick up\***

# Rules of Play

## **Redemption Flight**

The last place team in each flight will be battling for redemption during the final round. In NET Stableford format, those teams bringing up the rear will battle it out to be crowned "The Best of the Rest" and earn redemption for their earlier struggles. If a team pulls off the miracle comeback and goes from Worst to First in their flight the last day, the second place redemption team takes home this bonus bounty.

## **Overall Champions**

At the conclusion of flight play, each flight winner will advance to the Shootout on the 18th hole of Pinehurst No. 9 to decide the Overall Champion of The Padgett Invitational.

In the opening round of the Shootout, all flight winners will play the 18th hole as a par 3. Both partners will play their own ball until holed, and the two scores will be added together for the team's aggregate. The lowest total moves on. If there is one team with the lowest score and no ties, they are the outright winners, and be deemed the Padgett Overall Champions.

If teams are tied after that first round, play will return to the tee and switch to an alternate-shot format. Each team may choose which partner hits the tee shot, and from there the players will alternate until the hole is completed.

Should ties remain, the teams will continue replaying the hole in alternate shot. This time, the partner who did not hit the previous tee ball must tee off, and the players will alternate again until the hole is finished. If a winner is still not determined, this rotation will continue—switching back and forth on the tee—until one team finally prevails.

To keep things fair, tee locations will be based on flights: Flights 1 and 2 from 160 yards, Flights 3 through 5 from 150 yards, and Flights 6 through 8 from 140 yards. Handicaps will not be applied in the Shootout.

# Pinehurst Courses



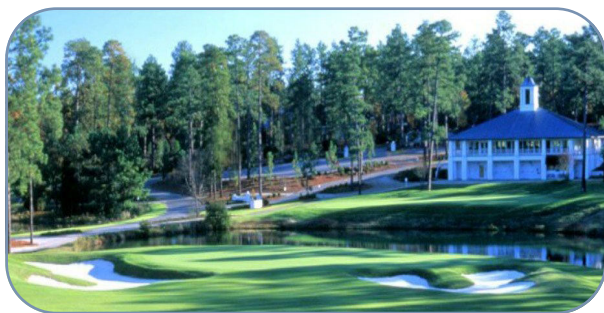
## *Pinehurst Course No. 2*

The crown jewel of Pinehurst Resort, Pinehurst No. 2 is among the world's most celebrated golf courses. It has hosted more single golf championships than any other course in America, including the historic back-to-back U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open in 2014. Most recently, it staged the 124th U.S. Open in 2024, with the championship set to return in 2029.

Opened in 1907 and designed by Donald Ross, No. 2 was described by its architect as “the fairest test of championship golf I have ever designed.” Ross remained devoted to refining the course throughout his lifetime, shaping it until his passing in 1948. The layout is most renowned for its crowned, undulating greens—considered some of the most challenging and iconic in the game. True to Ross's philosophy, Pinehurst No. 2 demands strategy and rewards thoughtful play, embodying his vision of championship golf.



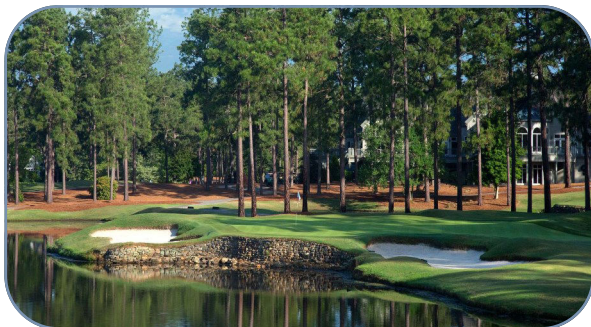
# Pinehurst Courses



## *Pinehurst Course No. 7*

Designed in 1986 by Rees Jones—son of Robert Trent Jones and brother of Robert Trent Jones Jr.—Pinehurst No. 7 was built on the site of a long-forgotten nine-hole employee course originally laid out by Donald Ross. The routing takes full advantage of dramatic, rolling terrain, weaving through hills and wetlands that give the course its bold character.

No. 7 is known for its distinctive features and strategic challenges. Remnants of the old employee course appear in the bunkers by the par-4 4th tee; the notorious “Devil’s Gut” wetlands guard the approach to the short par-4 7th; and Jones’ signature “Fingers” bunker on the 16th demands precision. Colorful and challenging, No. 7 blends Pinehurst’s history with Jones’ modern design flair.



## *Pinehurst Course No. 9*

Crafted by Jack Nicklaus, Pinehurst No. 9 is a championship layout carved among the towering longleaf pines. True to Nicklaus’ signature style, the course offers wide fairways, pristine playing conditions, and undulating greens that demand both strategy and skill.

Stretching 7,122 yards, No. 9 is as meticulously designed as it is memorable—an intriguing blend of challenge and balance. Golf Digest praised the course as one that “enhances even the lofty Sandhills image for world-class golf amenities,” securing its place as a modern classic within the Pinehurst portfolio.

# Past Padgett Champions

## 2015 Overall Champions

*Dennis Dolgan*

*David Bruckman*

## 2016 Overall Champions

*Frank Roque*

*Linn Shorb*

## 2017 Overall Champions

*Jeffrey Krug*

*Taylor Krug*

## 2018 Overall Champions

*Gerald Ayers*

*Fred Stout*

## 2019 Overall Champions

*Derek Pszenny*

*Kirk Rogerson*

# Past Padgett Champions

## 2020 Overall Champions

*Russell Stokes*

*Eric London*

## 2021 Overall Champions

*Peter Hill*

*Steven Hill*

## 2022 Overall Champions

*Patrick O'Reilly*

*Dave Hall*

## 2023 Overall Champions

*Mike Messana*

*Brandon Grywacz*

## 2024 Overall Champions

*Tim Copper*

*Rob Costner*

# Thank You

On behalf of the entire PCC Golf Professional Staff, we want to thank each of you personally for participating in the 2025 Padgett Invitational.

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