

ROARING GAP CLUB'S DONALD ROSS RESTORATION



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While Donald Ross did not invent cross-bunkers, he used them so prolifically that they became one of his trademark features. Look at how a rather straight mundane hole (above) has been transformed back into a character-rich, multi-dimensional hole with the recovery of Ross's cross-hazards (below) on Hole 5 at Roaring Gap Club (NC).





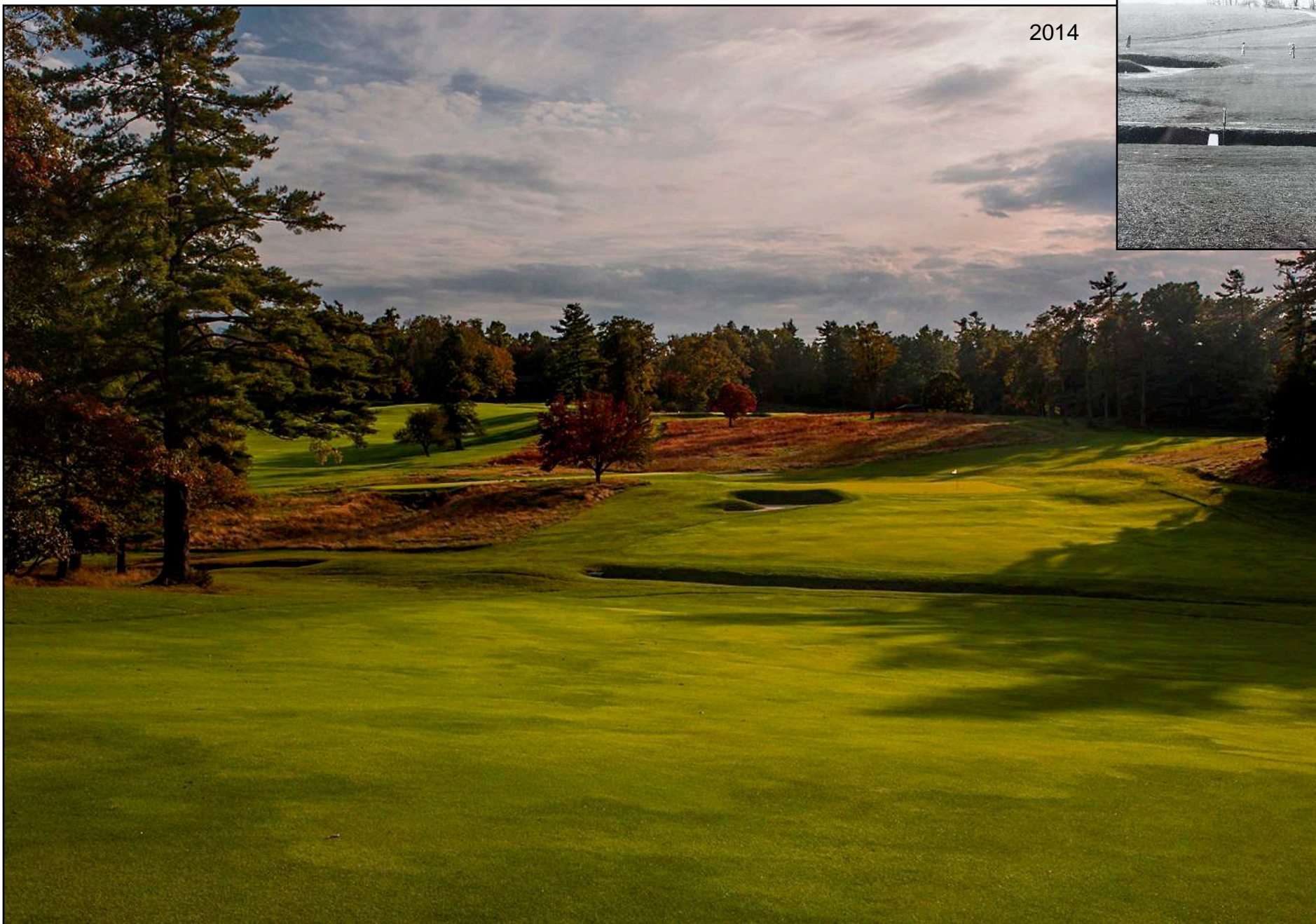












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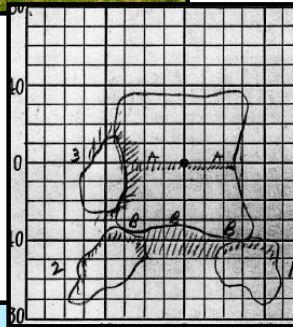




Hole 15 Green Restoration



Through the years, the green at Hole 15 gradually retreated back away from the bunker features that it was originally tied to in Ross's Design Plan (Right). This green also lost its original size, shape, and strategic corner pin locations. Mowing practices have traditionally been blamed for this phenomenon. Most agree that the advent of the riding Triplex Mower was the chief culprit. Their steering radii could not handle the required sharp turns and are responsible for the "rounding off" of many intricately shaped old school greens. Consequently, RGC has acquired a fleet of walk mowers to help preserve their restored dimensions.







Hole 17 Green Restoration



Donald Ross designed humps and bumps around Hole 17 green to help visually define the putting surface by effectively breaking up the flat horizon line in the background. As shown in the photos above, the small oval green had unfortunately retreated away from the knobby regions around it's perimeter. Kris Spence meticulously expanded the putting surface (below), so it would once again flash-up and tie-in to the surrounding undulations. Today, these knobby exterior contours are once again integral parts of the original putting surface as Ross envisioned.













Hole 18 Restoration

