



**MOUNT WASHINGTON RESORT REOPENS THE RESTORED**  
**SIGNATURE 18-HOLE DONALD ROSS GOLF COURSE**

*Michael Carroll, Director of Golf & Club Operations, is “Thrilled”  
by Positive Response to New Course Layout*

BRETTON WOODS, NH, August 8, 2008 – Mount Washington Resort’s 18-hole signature golf course reopened on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, after an extensive restoration project that lasted nearly two seasons. According to Michael Carroll, Mount Washington Resort’s Director of Golf & Club Operations, “Opening day was a huge success! We are absolutely thrilled with positive reviews of the new layout!”

The Mount Washington Course was designed by legendary golf course architect Donald Ross, originally from Scotland, and opened in 1915. Brian Silva of Brian Silva Design, an award-winning golf course architect based in Dover, NH, lead the restoration project, rebuilding the golf course based on Donald Ross’ original design plans which had been preserved over the years at the Resort.

Ross was known for designing golf courses according the natural contours and terrain of the land, and for placing challenging bunkers perpendicular to the shot. According to Silva, who provided a walking tour of the new layout to members of the Mount Washington Alpine & Country Club and the Resort’s executive management team on Saturday, July 12, 2008, “This is mountain golf at its best!”

With the original Ross plans for the Mount Washington Course in hand, Silva discovered the 18-hole Course was not simply the “flat thing” that he recalled during earlier visits to the Resort in the early 1970’s and late 1980’s. By comparing the original Ross plans to those of the Course in 2007, Silva skillfully unveiled the original intent of Ross, which had been lost or

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buried over the years. Fairway bunkers crafted with classic Ross flair, perpendicular to the line of play, were unearthed, including the discovery of Ross' signature "Principal's Nose" bunker on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole. In keeping with Ross' "meadowland" design, which features expansive views, Silva significantly enhanced the Course's wide open vistas by strategically removing trees. Silva also, made use of the natural rolls and swells of the ancient riverbed upon which the Course was built when placing tees, fairways, bunkers, and greens, as did Ross in his original plans.

Matt Massei, the Resort's General Manager came to Mount Washington Resort after a fifteen year career at Pinehurst, in North Carolina, where he oversaw PGA National Club Professional Championships in 1997 and 1998, and the US Open in 2005. Massei noted how impressed he has been with the way the entire project has been executed, and the significance of the new layout. "Within the next five or so years we certainly hope to host one of the thirteen USGA championship events here at Mount Washington Resort," he said.

A special package, "The August Golf & Stay Package" has been designed to welcome the opening of the restored golf course with a special commemorative gift, and is valid for the month of August only.

For more information about Mount Washington Resort, including the Golf Club, special Golf & Stay overnight packages, and scheduling tee times please visit [www.mountwashingtonresort.com](http://www.mountwashingtonresort.com) or call 1-877-873-0626.

***About the Mount Washington Resort***

Set at the base of the stunning 6,288-foot Mount Washington and surrounded by nearly 800,000 acres of the White Mountain National Forest, the Mount Washington Resort is a four-season vacation destination for guests of all ages. Founded in 1876, the Resort offers splendid seasonal activities such as golf, tennis, horseback riding and fly fishing during the summer; and alpine and Nordic skiing, snowboarding, ice climbing, snow tubing, sleigh rides and winter hiking trails during the winter. A new 25,000 square foot Spa and a total of 30,000 square feet of meeting space will be opening in Winter 2008/2009. A \$7 million renovation of the Resort's two golf courses is underway with the 18-hole Mount Washington Course, a Donald Ross design, which debuted in August 2008 and is now open for play, followed by the Mount Pleasant Course. As part of a proposed master planned community, spanning the next decade, plans for the development of approximately 1,000 new homes and home sites have begun with the first offerings expected to become available in December 2008.

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