



2007 U.S. Women's Open

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An architect's rendering of new Member's Club

GRAND ENTRANCE



Crowds pass through the main entrance Tuesday morning at the U.S. Women's Open at Pine Needles in Southern Pines.

Member's Club to Be Replaced

Resort Presents Plan To Village Council

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Pinehurst Resort is planning to tear down its Member's Club and replace it with a more classically designed building.

Pinehurst President Don Padgett II described the current building as "lacking" Tuesday morning during a Pinehurst Village Council meeting. He was accompanied by architect Mark A. Reece to brief the council on the resort's plans.

Reece's Atlanta-based firm, Robun Rusche Rector & Reece, designed First Inlet's First Village.

"The major reason to do this is that Bob Dedman Jr. (CEO of the resort) took a look at the clubhouse and knows it is lacking," Padgett said. "This is an attempt to push Pinehurst Country Club more to a country club experience than it currently is."

The new building would take up essentially the same footprint as the current one. None of the historic Resort Club, which adjoins the Member's Club, would be touched, Reece said.

The new building would feature a design that Padgett and Reece believe would be more in keeping with the historical design of the Resort Club. Reece gave the council a presentation on the plans up to this point.

"It's got to be a very significant piece of architecture,"

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Area Ready to Bask in Open Limelight

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Southern Pines is ready for the spotlight that shines brightly on the town, thanks to the 2007 U.S. Women's Open at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Resort.

Southern Pines and Pinehurst are both putting their best foot forward as the golf world focuses its collective attention on the Sandhills. "We're all very excited," said Southern Pines Town Manager Reagan Parsons. "It does my

heart good to open national golf publications and see Southern Pines."

Patrick Coughlin, president and CEO of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce, said there has been a noticeable change in recent weeks.

"There's just been a shift in the atmosphere. It's almost electric, very anticipatory," Coughlin said. "There has been a tremendous amount of traffic coming to our

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Kim King of Richmond, Va., looks at the directory in Pinehurst.



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'Big Time Sports Theater'

Dorald Ross never thought of amphitheater-style golf courses such as the modern TPC venues when he designed his wonderful courses here in the North Carolina Sandhills, including the course at Pine Needles.

But then he never envisioned the huge crowds that are expected for the third U.S. Women's Open in 11 years on his magnificent course.

With what Ross built at Pine Needles

in 1928 and with what the United States Golf Association has done to create this 62nd U.S. Women's Open Championship this week, the architect and the USGA have truly combined to come up with "big time sports theater."

But Ross, A. W. Tillinghast, Alister Mackenzie, Walter J. Travis and other leading golf architects of the early 20th

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Palmer Honored



The King, Arnold Palmer, was inducted into the Carolinas Golf Hall of Fame Monday in a ceremony at the Pinehurst Country Club.

Board Discusses Property Issue

The Moore County Board of Commissioners went into closed session Tuesday night to discuss negotiations for property acquisition.

Chairman Colin McKenzie said Tuesday that the commissioners would be unable to take a vote on the issue when they return to open session.

The 5 p.m. special meeting was called for the board to advise the county staff about negotiations pertaining to "the

price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange or lease," according to the public notice released by Clerk to the Board Laura M. Williams.

McKenzie declined to go into detail and would only say that no action could be taken at the conclusion of the meeting.

However, it is known that the county is interested in acquiring additional land for possible future construction of public buildings, including a government office complex and a public safety building.

Property acquisition issues are among several exemptions to

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Miss Moore Third Runner-Up

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Emilea Jane McLean, Miss Moore County 2007, was named third runner-up Saturday in the Miss North Carolina Pageant held in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium.

"When they called my name as third runner-up, I wanted to jump up and down in my evening gown," said McLean, who is known to friends and family as Emmy. "My personal goal was to make the top 10, and I did that, so just being in the top five was a thrill."

McLean said that realizing she had reached her goal took some of the pressure off, and she was able to enjoy being up on stage with the



Emmy McLean waves to the audience after receiving her trophy.

