

### Property at a glance

- Location:** Pinehurst, Pinehurst, NC  
**Staff:** Pinehurst Grounds Maintenance Department  
**Category:** Hotel, motel or resort  
**Total budget:** \$600,000  
**Year site built:** 1895  
**Acres of turf:** 35  
**Acres of woody ornamentals:** 2  
**Acres of display beds:** 4  
**Total paved area:** 10  
**Total man-hours/week:** 900

### Maintenance challenges

- ▶ Turf varieties (cool and warm season)
- ▶ Filigree garden
- ▶ Greenhouse production and annual color

### Project checklist

(Completed in last two years):

- ▶ 1999 U.S. Open Championship
- ▶ Added 1.5 miles of brick and sand paths
- ▶ Renovated parking lot, resort club

### On the job

- ▶ 15 full-time staff, 5 seasonal employees, 4 licensed pesticide applicators

# Pinehurst

## The 1999 Grand Award Winner of the Professional Grounds Management Society for Hotel, Motel or Resort

Pinehurst is perhaps best known for the quality of its world-renowned golf courses but its resort grounds aren't too shabby either. Ever since Warren Manning planted more than 220,000 tree seedlings, shrubs and flowers along winding roads and paths over 100 years ago as part of founder James Walker Tufts' original design, the grounds have been a sight to behold.

In the last 12 years, new owner Club-Corp. Resorts has put great emphasis on landscape and facility renovations. With long, hot summers; cold winters; a course, sandy soil type which promotes high fluctuations in soil temperatures; and conditions ranging from full sun to full shade, maintenance is far from easy.

Clean edging around mulched beds and walks is required. One of the trademark landscape features at Pinehurst, the filigree, or shrub, garden requires artistic manicuring at least eight times per year to keep its topiary looking sharp. A three-color rotation of 120,000 annuals, 80,000 pansies and thousands of bulbs is used to keep the floral display fresh and alive. To meet such a high demand for annuals, all are grown in greenhouses on site.

Event management alone could keep the grounds maintenance crew busy. Ranging from small outdoor social events to big events like the 1999 U.S. Open Golf Championship, the crew has to deal with heavy traffic and the setup of tables, chairs, tents and container gardens.



Striped mowing patterns, annual floral plantings and sculpted shrubs add to the beauty of the West lawn.





A member of the grounds staff hand waters shrubs at the front lawn of the resort club.

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