

DORNOCH TO THE U.S.A.

In the early 20th Century a number of Scottish golfers emigrated to the United States of America to become professionals at the many clubs that were appearing there. Among these were several from Dornoch:

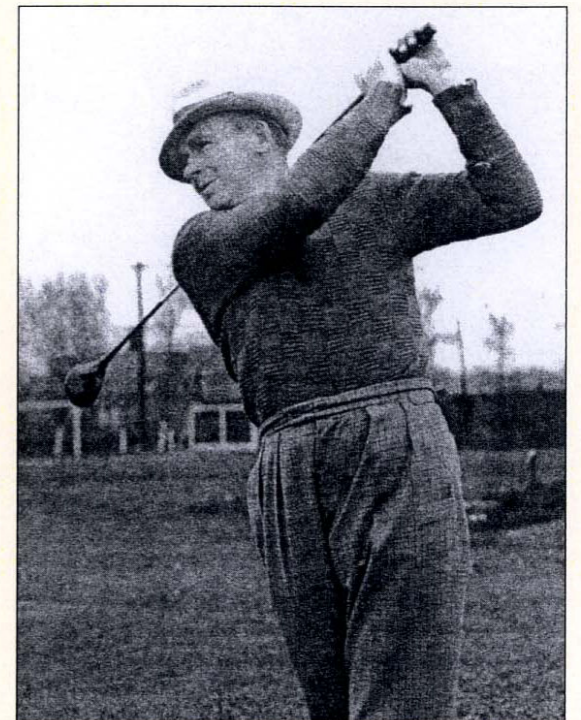


DONALD ROSS

Born in St Gilbert Street, Dornoch in 1874, Donald Ross emigrated to the United States in 1899. His first job was professional at Oakley Club, Boston. He was later appointed manager at Pinehurst Country Club, North Carolina. He became a legendary architect of many great courses including Pinehurst No.2, Braeburn, Oakland Hills, Interlachen, Inverness (Toledo, Ohio) and Seminole. In total he was architect for approximately 500 courses.

BOB MACDONALD

Born at Evelix, Dornoch. Emigrated to the United States in 1910. Bob was professional at a number of Chicago clubs including Evanston and Edgewater and was the first winner of the Texas Open in 1922. He was a founder member of the U.S.P.G.A. and later became it's president. He coached legendary U.S. golfers Gene Sarazen, Horton Smith and Babe Zaharias. His book, "Golf", published in 1927, was a classic of it's time.

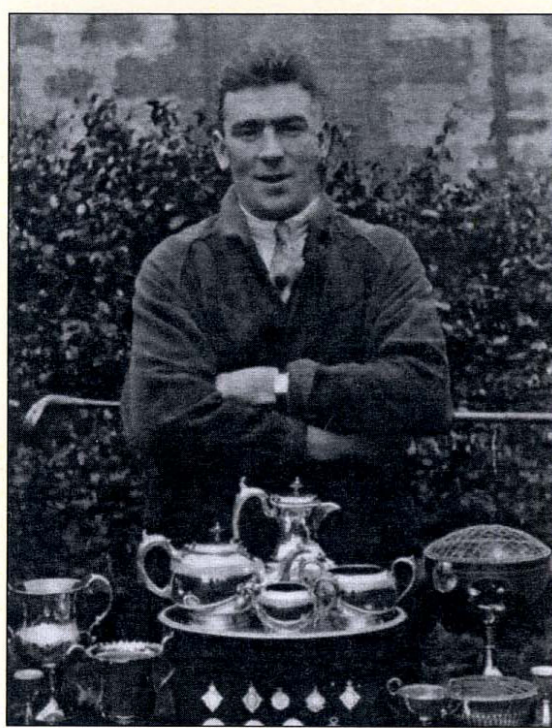
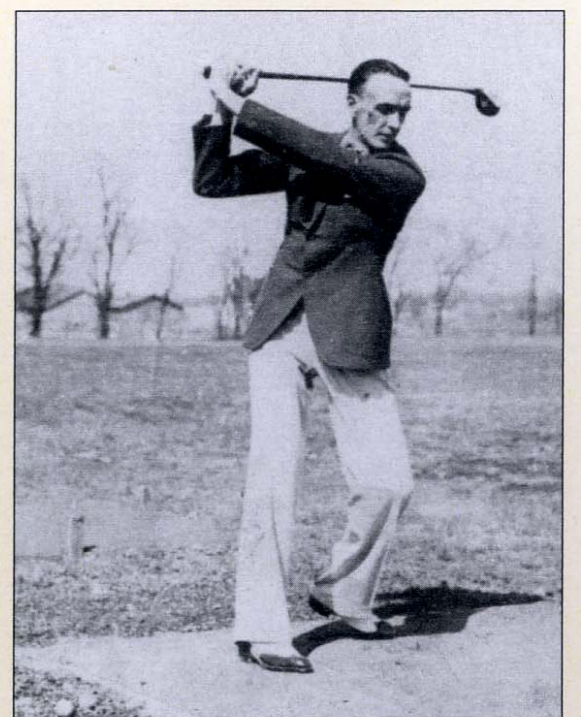


ALEX ROSS

Born in St Gilbert Street, Dornoch, brother to Donald. Alex emigrated to the United States of America in 1900. He played out of Brae-Burn Country Club, West Newton, Massachusetts, having previously played out of Pinehurst and then Wilmington, Del. He won the U.S. Open in 1907 at Philadelphia and had 4 more top 10 finishes in that Open. He also won the North-South Open 5 times and the Massachusetts Open 6 times (in succession).

BILL MACDONALD

Born at Evelix, Dornoch, brother to Bob and Jack. Emigrated to the United States in 1912. He became professional at Door County, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin then later at Springfield, Illinois and Illini Country Club, Illinois. Bill managed city tournaments for many years.



BOB GRANT

Born in Dornoch. Bob was a golf professional for 53 years, of which his final 21 were spent at Kokomo Country Club, Indiana. He was a highly respected member of the U.S.P.G.A. and served many years as an officer in the Indiana section. He was said to be instrumental in the early growth of golf in Chicago.

JACK MACDONALD

Born at Evelix, Dornoch, brother to Bob and Bill. Emigrated to the United States in 1919. He was professional at Lynx Club, Milwaukee and then later, professional at 4Gs Driving Range in Chicago and Stop and Sock 'Em Range in Springfield, Illinois.



ALEX MURRAY

Born in Dornoch in 1891. Emigrated to the United States in 1925. Alex became the first professional at Granville Golf Club, Ohio. Sadly, he died after only 2 years in the United States, aged just 36. His wife Grace stayed on to manage the clubhouse and sons Dick and Ken played and caddied at the club. Later, Ken (also in picture) became Secretary at Royal Dornoch Golf Club, retiring in 1987.

DON SUTHERLAND

Born in Littleton, Dornoch in 1910. Emigrated to Vancouver B.C., Canada, 1929 where he became professional at Vancouver Golf & Country Club. His brother Hamish assisted Don at the club and both were made Honorary Life Members there. Reputed to be the most complete Dornoch golfer of his era, among his successes was winning the B.C. Open in 1934.

