



17TH GREEN  
ROSSMOOR GOLF COURSE

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If you would like to see a startled Green Superintendent, you should have seen the expression on my face the day I drove up to the 17th green on my round, and saw a 25 ton water truck on its side in the middle of the putting surface.

A tank truck from the construction area about 1/2 mile above 17 had a brake failure and could not stop at the water tank where they fill up and rolled down the grade to the end of the street above the green where it could not turn, hit the curb was airborne for about 150' before it landed in the middle of the green. The driver landed in the fairway 130' in front of the green--needless to say he spent a couple of weeks in the hospital.

We rebuilt the green, 6000 sq ft. We removed the existing putting surface and top soil down 12" graded this surface the same as the putting surface was going to be, then designed our drainage system into this subgrade. The trenches in the subgrade were dug 10" deep on 10' centers. We then put in 2' of 1/4 x 1/2" washed river gravel, installed 3" corrugated flexible drain line on top of gravel then filled the trench to the top. Then filled the basin with Antioch sand recommended by U.C. Extension service. Now we wait 6 to 8 months for our putting surface to mature.

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Once there was a golfer who was so used to cheating that when he made a hole-in-one he wrote down a zero

