

Hole of the

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**The Palmer Course at La Cantera
San Antonio**



Month

Rock Solid

The bell tower juts from the clubhouse at the Palmer Course at La Cantera as a beacon for players standing on the 18th tee. If golfers aim their tee shots at the tower, which lines up with the flag and may remind visitors of another San Antonio landmark, The Alamo, this par-4, 503-yard hole should yield a 180-yard shot to the green.

Superintendent Rob Zimmerman says built-in tiers on the fairway, created by builders when they excavated rock from the area to make way for the course, will augment good drives into great ones by allowing ample ball roll.

Stark slopes and rock outcroppings around the green force Zimmerman

and his crew to do a lot of handwork with hover mowers and string trimmers. That's why his three-person staff handles maintenance only on the 18th green, the ninth green and the clubhouse.

"It offers a spectacular view and it's your last view before you leave the course, so it has to be in perfect condition," Zimmerman says of the 18th.

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