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18th Green Myrtle Beach TPC Golf Course
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What Club Would You Hit?

Today's golf hole is the 18th Hole Green Complex at TPC Golf Course in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Located in the Murrells Inlet section of Myrtle Beach, SC. I photographed and played on during my first trip to Myrtle Beach after driving all night.

Murrell's Inlet section is located in the middle of Myrtle Beach, SC, commonly known as the "Grand Strand." Myrtle Beach TPC Golf Course is the brainchild of the legendary architect Tom Fazio



I played the 18th hole at the TPC Myrtle Beach Golf Course years ago for a "Golf in Myrtle Beach" article in Golf Illustrated Magazine. At 538 yards from the tips, according to the yardage book, the finishing hole is a solid risk/reward par-5. Water begins at 330 yards and continues down the left side of the fairway to the front and left of the green. It's more than a 200-yard carry over water.

After taking photographs in the early morning, I joined a couple of regulars to play on the golf course. We teed off at around 9 AM. I played the 18th hole from the blue tees and hit a driver to the middle of the fairway. I had about 245 yards. left over water to the green. Although I aimed for the right edge of the green, I chickened out and blocked my fairway wood to the right between the two bunker complexes. It's where I took the photograph of the 18th green. With

under 100 yards, a hit wedge approach shot that put me on the green. Two putts gave me a nice round ending in par.

I had heard Myrtle Beach could be hot in the summer, and my shirt was soaked by the end of the round. We finished up a nice, relaxing-paced round in three and a half hours. There were not many golfers playing that day. I found out why when we came in from the golf course, an assistant pro stated that at 12 noon, the temperature was 117 degrees, according to the weather box next to the 16th hole. The air conditioning in the clubhouse never felt so good!

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