

Tutorials

By Warren Stephens Rolling Fairways Tutorial

This tutorial will discuss one option on how to create a rolling fairway with the Jack Nicklaus 5-6 course designer program. Putting some shape in the fairway will add a lot of interest in the golf hole and will make it more like a place to strike a golf ball rather than a place to roll a bowling ball! If you are not familiar with the terms and techniques used here, check out the first tutorial of this series, "Basic Elevations" for an explanation.



Figure 1. Probably the easiest way to create that "rolling" look is to use the "terrain" shape and draw a long, skinny shape across the fairway. Click on the "bulge down" button once. (You can also click on the "bulge up" button but the elevation will bulge in the middle - not a good thing in the middle of a fairway!)

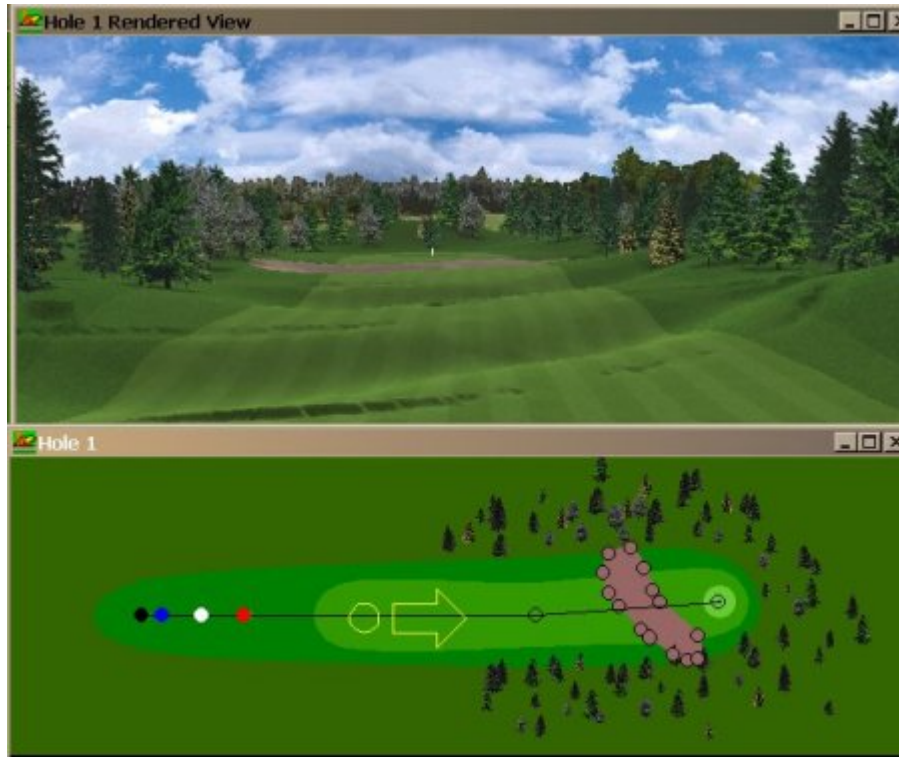


Figure 2. Move the shape up the fairway a little by clicking and holding on the shape and dragging it to the new position. Hit the "bulge down" button once and move the shape again until you get a series of troughs in the fairway. It looks kind of nasty, doesn't it? You will need to stretch the shape and power smooth the depressions. You will need to do this a lot! A lot of power smoothing will also make some small rises and depressions at the edges of the shape being smoothed. It is often a good idea to also select the fairway or the light rough by clicking on it, and smoothing that a few times as well.

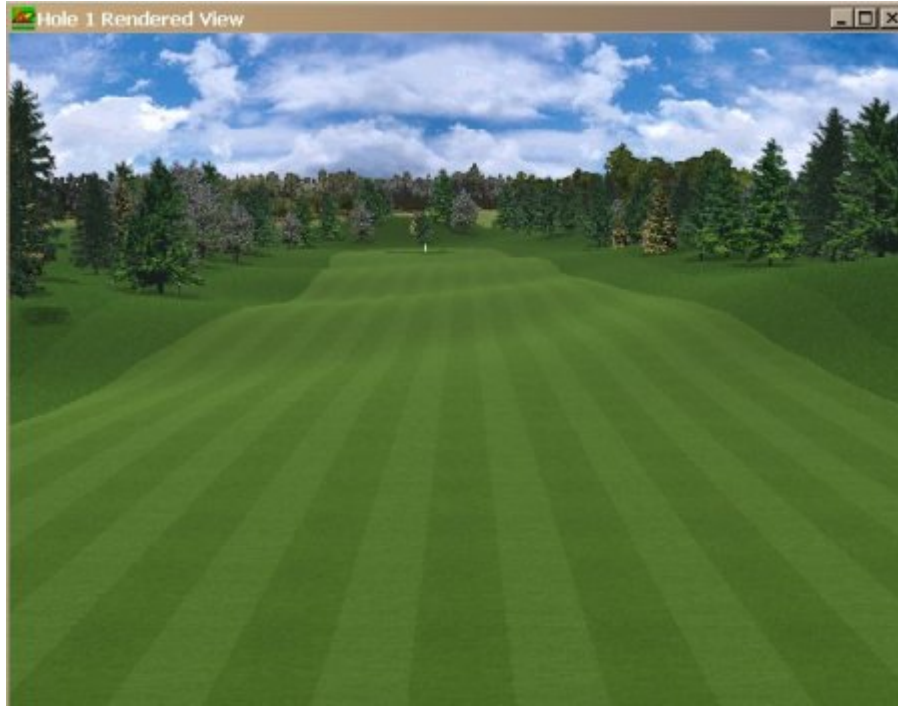


Figure 3. With a couple of small hills along the side of the fairway and behind the green, and smoothing out the depressions you created in the fairway, the final result doesn't look too bad! This illustration is not smoothed or worked as well as it should be, but you get the idea of what can be done. You can use all the elevation tools on and around the fairway to create rolls, depressions and hills of every kind. Experiment a little with the different functions, you might like what you see!

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