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The Old Course at St. Andrews taught us long ago that the best finisher is a 1/2 par hole. One of the best such type holes in the United States is the 530 yard Home hole at Flossmoor. From an elevated tee, the golfer whose tee ball successfully slides past the right fairway bunkers can have a crack at the green in two. Though the road ahead is hazardous, it is also fun and potentially rewarding. The variety of outcomes makes this an ideal closing hole.

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- [Course profiles](#) that highlight the finer virtues of golf architecture found in over 170 courses world-wide.
 - monthly [Feature Interviews](#) with a well known golf figure with past interviews archived for your perusal as well.
 - a [Discussion Group](#) limited to 1,200 people from around the world. If interested in participating, please [contact us](#).
 - an ['In My Opinion'](#) section, where you may submit a detailed essay relating to golf course architecture. Numerous course profiles are also found within this section, frequently from people espousing the virtues of their home course and why it is enjoyable to play on a day to day basis.
 - an ['Art & Architecture'](#) section featuring paintings and photographs that best capture some of the world's best golf holes. Artists included are Mike Miller, David Scaletti and Josh Smith. New paintings and photographs are added on a quarterly basis.
- Many courses are featured that are lesser known and that don't overtly promote themselves, but are inspiring places to play. Courses that have been written to death (Augusta National, Pebble Beach, etc.) are included for sake of completeness only, but are the shortest profiles. The courses included are ones from which the author believes there is much to be learned. Many of the courses are not 'championship' courses (whatever that means) or necessarily the best conditioned courses, but they share a single important characteristic: they are inspiring to play, be it by yourself, with your dog, family or friends. Enjoyment is the primary theme of these descriptions, but when taken together, these course profiles hopefully trace the history and

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