Native grasses line a watery hazard at Wicked Stick Golf Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The course is a collaboration between architect Clyde Johnston and Tour pro John Daly. Wicked Stick is Daly’s first foray into the world of course design.

Miami — City commissioners here recently voted to hand over the scruffy and run-down Melreese Golf Course to a development group led by professional golfer Charlie De Lucca. Under the agreement, the city will pay for $3.9 million in renovations. In return, it will get $275,000 a year from the investors: De Lucca, lawyer George Knox, course architect Charlie Mahannah and developer Sergio Pino. De Lucca has managed the driving range at the course since 1972.

Amelia Island, Fla. — The Amelia Island Plantation has won approval for a controversial golf course and housing development next to American Beach. Nassau County commissioners voted to allow the plantation to build five golf holes and 60 to 150 homes on an 80-acre tract. Opponents said the project would destroy dense vegetation and possibly leave the area’s largest sand dune, which separates American Beach from the development, unprotected.

Bedford, N.Y. — Mega-developer Donald Trump has selected course architect Arthur Hills to design an 18-hole track for Trump’s Seven Springs Golf Club, an ultra-elite limited membership club he’s planning on the former Rockefeller Estate here. Trump said he envisions a 7,057-yard, par-72 course that would be available to a limited membership of 200, with entry costs and annual dues of about $200,000. The site includes a 40-room, 50,000-square-foot, turn-of-the-century mansion.

Bullish on Practice Centers?
Michael Jordan recently invited the general public to help christen the practice and training center that bears his name. Located in Aurora, Ill., the Michael Jordan Golf Center was designed by Jacobson Golf Course Design of Libertyville, Ill. Looking to expand, Jordan’s company is exploring sites in Florida, Georgia and Charlotte, N.C.