Mission Accomplished, Again
Survey says: Mission Hills has repeated as the Best Maintained Course on the LPGA Tour

GCSAA Show Review
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NEW PARTNERS
Architect Dr. Michael Hurdzan (right) has asked longtime associate Dana Fry to join him in his growing Columbus, Ohio, practice. For story, see page 44.

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DELICATE WORK AT GLEN DORNOCH
Architect Clyde Johnston has unveiled the newest addition to South Carolina's Grand Strand. At Glen Dornoch Waterway Golf Links, now open for play in Little River, Johnston employed 26,000 feet of silt fence to secure the surrounding wetlands and waterfronts from construction activities.

Fearis joins GCSAA order of ascension
LAS VEGAS — Blue Hills Country Club's David Fearis, 50, was elected GCSAA secretary/treasurer at the recent annual board of directors election here, meaning the Kansas City (Mo.) superintendent will eventually succeed retiring President Paul McGinnis and Vice President George Renault as leader of the national superintendents' organization.

Fearis, a 29-year GCSAA member who has served on the board since 1993, bested R. Scott Woodhead, 

Palmer Mgmt. moves toward franchising
ORLANDO. Fla. — Arnold Palmer Golf Management Co. has unveiled a franchise program that allows course owners to use the Palmer name and proprietary operating systems, but permits course owners to continue operating their golf facilities themselves.

Factory stores meet market-specific needs
DALLAS — Factory stores here in the competitive Texas golf course market have shown how much distribution has changed, while simultaneously re-emphasizing the importance of independent distribution to the selling process.

Policy-makers hold key to development
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The country's hotly debated wetlands policies are in turmoil following contradictory developments issued in the early days of 1997: First, Nation Wide Permits for wetlands were tightened, then a court ruling weakened regulations limiting excavation of marshes and swamps. According to experts, this upheaval may continue for the next two years, until the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers install a new set of Nation Wide Permits (NWPs). Golf course developers and others are now dealing with two major changes:

• A revised NWP 26 [GCN, January ‘97], which reduces the number of acres a project can affect. In the past, a developer could impact 1 to 10 acres of isolated wetlands or stream headwaters. One acre could be affected without seeking permits. Under the new rules, permits are required for any impact of more than 1/3 of an acre. The 10-acre maximum of wetlands that could be affected has been cut to 3 acres.

• U.S. District Court Judge Stanley S. Harris, who ruled here on Jan. 23, has thrown out the "Tulloch"