Megabucks Winner: Golf

National Golf Foundation figures show golfers spent more than $30 billion in 1998.

Digital Mapping

This new technology is making its way into every facet of course operations.

Assistants often underappreciated

While head superintendents are seeking increased recognition and money for themselves, they are also encouraging course owners and members to upgrade the salaries and benefits of their assistants.

New wetlands regs could stifle development

By Mark Leslie

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is implementing a new cadre of wetlands regulations in early 2000 that is expected to impact a far greater number of residential and commercial developments, including golf courses.

Public comment on the proposed Nation Wide Permits (NWPs) expires Oct. 6, making the way for the new rules which affect jurisdictional waters of the United States—wetlands, streams, lakes, etc.

Although the new NWPs have not been officially confirmed, experts in the field anticipate few changes before the

Nicklaus's collaborate for AMH

Aliso Viejo, Calif. — Jack Nicklaus and Jack Nicklaus II have opened their latest creation, Aliso Viejo Golf Club here, a 27-hole public facility midway between Los Angeles and San Diego.

The ninth Jack-Jack II co-design and the first in California, the project is under the auspices of ClubCorp USA, Inc. and AMH Golf Corp., a Newport Beach-based land-development company specializing in golf, recreation and hospitality properties.

Carved from a dramatic site offering panoramic views of the Saddleback Mountains, Aliso Viejo is laid out in three distinctive nines—Ridge, Creek and Valley—and features more than 100 feet of elevation change.

“As I get older, the desire to do a lot of golf courses on my own is diminishing,” said Nicklaus. “But the desire to continue what I’ve built with my family is getting greater. So the opportunity to work with Jack (II) is something I look forward to a great deal. We have a good relationship;