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**BOOKING FORM**

GCSAA Conference and Show, Anaheim

Please return to BIGGA, Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York Y06 2IM

Full name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
Telephone: ________________________________

Name(s) of additional passengers: ________________________________

**PACKAGE 1: ANAHEIM/SAN DIEGO**

25th January to 5th February 1993
London Gatwick/Los Angeles on Virgin Atlantic — 25th January
Transfer to Anaheim Hilton
6 nights Anaheim Hilton — 25th January — 31st January
Transfer to San Diego — 31st January
4 nights Hyatt Islandia — 31st January — 4th February
Transfer to Los Angeles Airport
Los Angeles/Gatwick on Virgin Atlantic — 4th February (to arrive in UK on 5th)
Cost: Twin Room £342 per person
Cost: Single Room £236 per person

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25th January to 1st February 1993
London Gatwick/Los Angeles on Virgin Atlantic — 25th January
Transfer to Anaheim Hilton
7 nights Anaheim Hilton — 25th January — 1st February
Transfer to Airport
Los Angeles/Gatwick on Virgin Atlantic — 1st February (to arrive in UK on 2nd)
Cost: Twin Room £599 per person
Cost: Single Room £1,004 per person.

Insurance: Anaheim/San Diego £42.95
Anaheim only £34.80.

**CANCELLATION PROCEDURE**

If cancelled more than 42 days before departure date: cancellation charge will be the deposit, 42-29 days before departure: 10% of total holiday cost; 28-15 days before departure: 30% of total holiday cost; 14-4 days before departure: 55% of total holiday cost; 3-1 days before departure: 70% of total holiday cost. No refund for non-appearance.

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I enclose a deposit of £100.00 per person plus insurance payment (if required).
Total enclosed: ________________________________

**LETTERS**

Write to the editor,
Greenkeeper International, 13 Fire Close, Seaford, East Sussex BN25 2NH

Hello, I have read your magazine for some time now — in an unofficial capacity — and enjoy the many interesting articles. Rarely, it seems, it is read by those playing on courses, judging by the widespread and long-standing placing of the ball, due to soggy fairways or tees on days when the tees were at their best. However, if any members of your Association work on such courses, I suggest they are a disgrace to the high ideals of such a professional body. Incompetence reigns alongside apathy — even simple ‘washing’ of greens in now disregarded, allowing fusarium to become established, and there is clover moss and yarrow on greens and bunker edges. The entire course is a disgrace, with real rough a mere pace from the putting surfaces — I am not joking.

The public courses in Birmingham are testimony to poor management and a lack of correct work procedures: seeding of fairways or tees — forget it! Repairs to areas worn by tractor and tractors — forget it! Consistent greens — a laugh! Grass on tees — find a place in the mud and allow for two inches of yellowing grass!

Please, through the pages of your magazine, help us to bring these courses into the spotlight.

JOHN TURNER
President, Boldmere Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield.

My understanding is that Birmingham City Council use outside contractors for sport and leisure management, which under CCT has the lowest national failure rate of any service. With councils keen on privatisation in the vanguard, private firms won 41% of such contracts. However, according to statistics published in March, 37% went bust or were sacked, and a further 7% had problems. There have been no in-house failures reported. — editor.