

Show Time '93

It's show time!

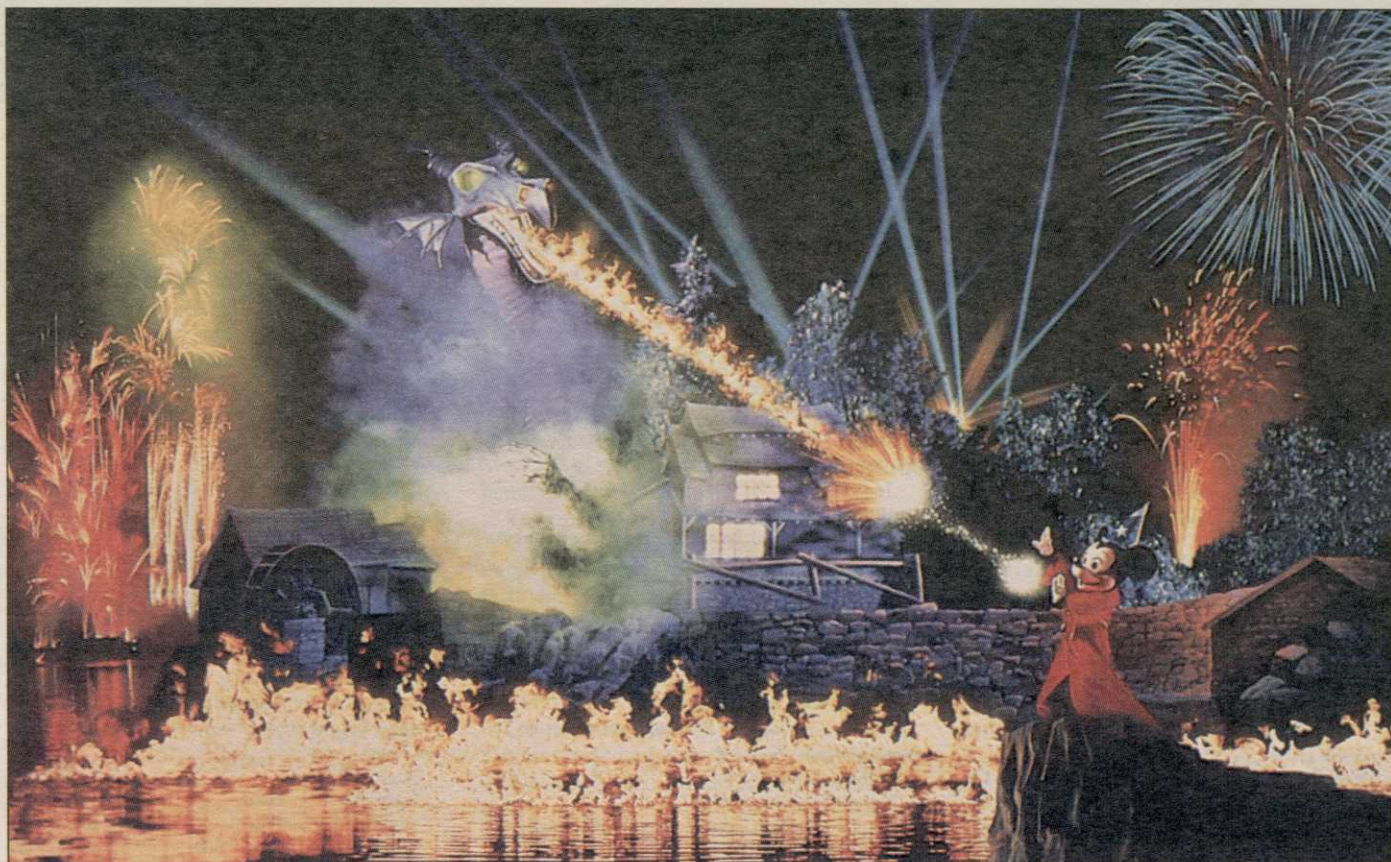
And much of the best entertainment in L.A. is not in your tour guide

By HAL PHILLIPS

ANAHEIM — There should be no shortage of things to do when the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America isn't conducting its trade show, banquets and education program. There's nearby Disneyland, of course. And Hollywood. And Knotts Berry farm. Etc., etc., etc....

However, if you don't want to trod the beaten path, Southern California boasts a long, long list of fun spots your travel agent probably didn't mention. We at Golf Course News contacted numerous regional experts to compile the following rundown of restaurants, nightclubs and

Don't count on public transportation in the Los Angeles area. Rent a car — you'll be glad you did.



Disneyland, one of America's most popular theme parks, sits nearby the Anaheim Convention Center where the International Golf Course Conference and Show will be held, Jan. 23-30.

other exotic locales.

But before we get started, here's a piece of advice, one you've probably heard already, from your travel agent: Rent a car. There is precious little public transportation in the Los Angeles area, and Anaheim — not a walker's paradise — is a good hour from many downtown activities. It may sound like a long ride, but that's a fact of life in L.A.

• **Hermosa Beach** is the L.A. surfer beach. For scenery and seclusion, the best bet is **Laguna Beach**, which has cliffs overlooking the shoreline and rock formations jutting into the sea, making parts of the expanse seem completely private. **Venice Beach** is best for people-watching, but swimming is not advised.

• If you get tired of Mexican and nouvelle cuisine, there's an appropriate

alternative for superintendents on vacation: **The Great Scot** on Los Felix Boulevard in Los Angeles, on the way to Glendale. It's not the 19th hole at Carnoustie, but this place does serve authentic British pub food and features a nice beer selection. The entire staff is Scottish — but they don't wear kilts.

• If you're looking to spot a few celebrities during your stay in Tinseltown, don't bother with Hollywood or Mann's Chinese Theater. Head straight to the posh **Polo Lounge**, situated in the Beverly Hills Hotel. It's pricey, but the elite are often patrons there. **The Bonaventure Hotel** in downtown L.A. is also a classy place to have a cocktail and hang with the rich and famous. No pointing, please.

• **Catalina Island** is ideal for day

trips. The boat leaves from Long Beach (a 30-minute ride from Anaheim) and the high-speed crossing takes just 45 minutes. On island, visitors can go hiking or rent golf carts for transportation. Snorkel and scuba gear can be rented in the main town, Avalon, where shops and restaurants abound. Don't be surprised if you see some buffalo. Seems Catalina was the site of many a western film, and buffalo were imported for authenticity. There were left on the island, thrived and now roam freely.

• You hear a lot about Rodeo Drive and Melrose Avenue, but they're trendy, expensive and distant. **Laguna Beach** features the best shopping in the Anaheim area.

• Looking for live music? Los Angeles

Continued on page 20

Bennett looking to defend GCSAA title

By PETER BLAIS

Forget the oversized driver, long-shafted putter or sports psychologist. Defending GCSAA tournament champion Gary Bennett knows how to raise your game to the next level.

Marriage.

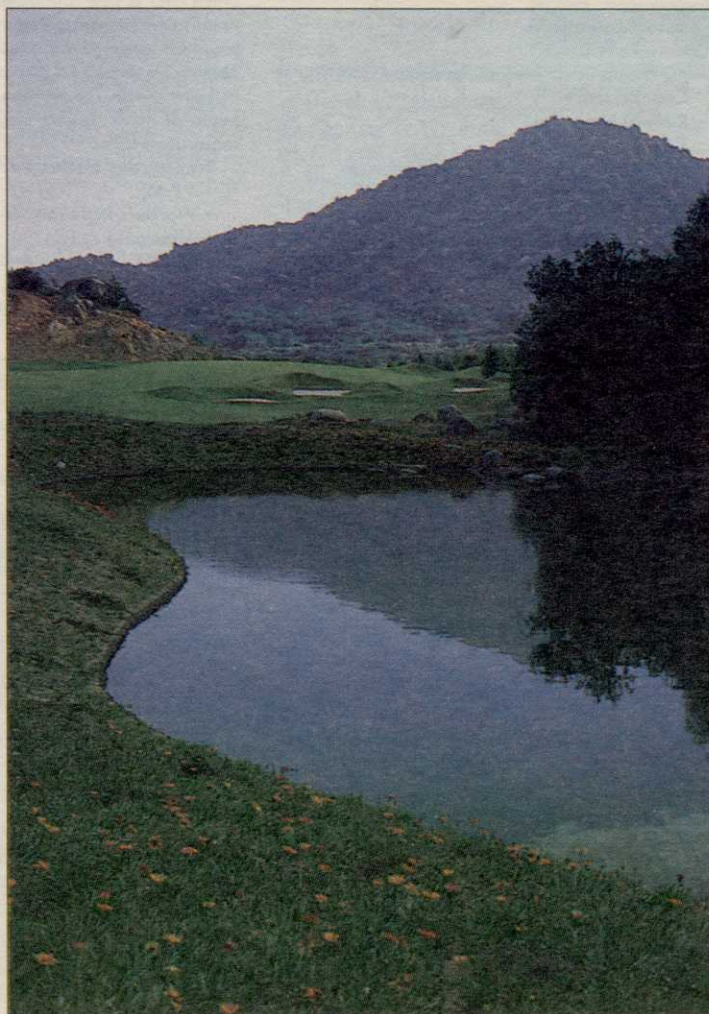
"I remarried a wonderful school teacher in August. I've only played three times since then. But I've shot par or better each time," said the head superintendent at Crickentree Golf Club near Columbia, S.C..

Bennett has to be one of the favorites heading into this year's GCSAA tourney in San Diego. Despite his low number of rounds played, Bennett's confidence is high. That's as it should be considering the scratch golfer's five-stroke victory in last year's 36-hole tourney played over Sawgrass Country Club and TPC at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Bennett won his first crown even though he played with a broken finger.

"It just depends on who is playing well at the time. Confidence has a lot to do with it," said Bennett, 44, who finished second in 1987 and in the top 10 every year he's entered, except 1980.

This year's tournament will be Jan. 23-24. The courses include Carlton Oaks Country Club, Eastlake Country Club, Mt. Woodson Country Club and Steele Canyon Golf Club.

Continued on page 38



Mt. Woodson CC is one of the four GCSAA tournament courses.



Inside:

• Dinah Shore (above) is this year's winner of the Old Tom Morris Award. For a complete listing of past winners, see page 21.

• Thumbnail sketches of this year's candidates, page 19.

• For a complete schedule of this year's seminars, turn to page 18.

• For coverage of the proposed bylaw amendments, see page 1. For views from our readership, turn to page 15.

Bennett: 20 to 30 supers capable of winning GCSAA title

Continued from page 17

Carlton Oaks and Steele Canyon will host the championship flight.

Bennett believes 20 to 30 superintendents are capable of winning this year's event. Among his stiffest competitors, he believes, will be past champions Roger Null (1983, '90 and '91) of Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis; Dave Powell (1985, '88 and '89) of Myers Park Country Club in Charlotte, N.C.; Mike Apodaca (1982 and '87) of Tijeras Arroyo Golf Club in Albuquerque, N.M.; and

David Oliver (1986) of Martin Downs Country Club in Hobe Sound, Fla.

Looking for a darkhorse? Try Andy Campbell of Brook Valley Country Club in Winterville, N.C.

"The last three years he's either tied or beat me in the team qualifying competition," Bennett said.

Dick Stuntz of Alvarado Country Club in Lawrence, Kan., was a sentimental choice mentioned by fellow competitors and others in the GCSAA hierarchy.

"He's been close several times," said Dave Fearis of nearby Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City, Mo., a 14-handicapper, candidate for the board of directors and close friend. "It would be nice to see him win."

Stuntz has a second-, third, and fourth-place finish to his credit, although his best shot resulted in a lower finish at Houston in 1988.

"I had a four-shot lead with 11 holes to go. But, I absolutely collapsed. Everything that could go wrong did go wrong. A bunch of

people went by me and Dave Powell won. I finished something like eighth. Just another disappointment," he said.

Stuntz said there are too many good players to designate anyone as the favorite. The Iowa State University graduate likes his chances as much as anyone's and has particularly fond memories of Carlton Oaks.

"I played there 20 years ago. It was the only NCAA tournament I qualified for," he said.

Past champion Oliver of Martin

Downs Country Club in Hobe Sound, Fla., was particularly intrigued by last year's runner-up, Jim Sparks of Champion Hills Club in Hendersonville, N.C. The 6-4, 225-pounder "is a very long hitter who could do very well," Oliver said.

Apparently, though, 1993 won't be Sparks' year.

"I was busy with other things and forgot to send in my application," said Sparks, who played in his first GCSAA tourney last year. "So I guess I won't be playing."

Oliver considers himself one of 10 players with a good chance of winning, even though course reconstruction work and building a new house have limited his play the past 12 months. He finished 5th last year and 12th the year before that. An eagle on the 14th at Palm Valley in Palm Desert, Calif., was the key to his 1986 victory.

"I shot par the rest of the way and some other people fell back. I won by one stroke, but didn't know it until I was in the clubhouse," he said.

Newcomb awarded \$2.5m for breach of Alaskan contract

Continued from page 61

tion work were the cause of any maintenance problems, Boyne representatives claimed. Previous non-jury decisions favored The Golf Co., according to Boyne Chief Operating Officer Art Tebo.

"He built the course, but really never finished it," Tebo said. "The jury was confused about the issues."

Those issues centered around maintenance. Newcomb's attorney said the company spent \$195,000 annually operating the facility during the three years before Newcomb's buyout option expired in May 1991. The next year maintenance costs jumped to \$310,000.

The maintenance staff increased from 10 to 17 the year after Newcomb's option expired, the jury foreman told the *Anchorage Daily News*.

Boyne pledged the ruling will not affect golf course conditions. It will appeal if the judge does not overturn the jury decision, Tebo said.

"Boyne is carrying on at the course right now," Newcomb said. "I don't know how long that will last. But their days are numbered. There should be a new owner there by spring."

Tebo said he was confident the judge would set aside the verdict or that The Golf Co. would win on appeal.

Whatever happens, the case means the end of a 27-year relationship between Boyne and Newcomb, both sides agreed. Newcomb had done several projects at the Michigan resort, including The Ross Memorial.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

Introducing: THE NEWEST BREAKTHROUGH IN WEED CONTROL SYSTEMS

How The Nomix System Works. This revolutionary weed control system covers a lot of ground - nearly every municipality in the U.K., the grounds of Windsor Castle and championship golf courses the world over to be exact. And now, it's complete line of unique applicators and herbicides are being made available in the U.S. The Expedite now features an upgraded head and spiral disc for greater flexibility. With the addition of the Compact and the Minipro, combined with a full-range of 4 new herbicide formulations, over 90% of the U.S. markets' needs will be met. The unique features of the Nomix system include:

NO MIXING.

Our unique oil-based formulations requiring NO mixing. These formulations are pre-mixed herbicides ready for use in a snap. That's right - just snap in a cartridge and you're ready-to go.

NO CHEMICAL CONTACT.

The re-sealable packaging eliminates chemical contact and venting. The Nomix system is safer for you and the environment.

NO DIFFICULT CALIBRATION.

Correct calibration saves you both time and money. The Nomix system uses pace tones, charts and formulas that make calibration easy.

NO HEAVY BACKPACKS.

The weight of conventional backpacks can be unbearable. Just one Nomix cartridge covers the same area as this exaggerated backpack!

NO DRIFT.

Studies show the Nomix System produces up to 40x less drift than conventional methods. Less drift equals less exposure - again, the Nomix system is safer for you and the environment.

NO RUNOFF.

Our unique oil-based formulations actually adhere to the leaf's surface longer and provides faster absorption of the chemical into the weeds. NO runoff means a more accurate and faster method of eliminating weeds.

NO WEEDS!

That's what you ultimately get with the new Nomix System - NO weeds! Stop by booth # 3393/3395 for a FREE demonstration today or call 1-800-48NOMIX for a Nomix distributor near you.



The Nomix Compact - the most versatile lance in the Nomix product line. Remember...just one Nomix cartridge (shown here) covers the same area as the backpack to the left!



The weed control system for all your needs.

CIRCLE #170/BOOTH #3393-3395

NOW AVAILABLE:

A full range of Nomix products to meet all your needs - including 3-Way Broadleaf and Grass & Weed Plus, the Glyphosate Oryzalin product you've been waiting for!