Central Florida and Smither Win Crowfoot Open

The sixth annual Crowfoot Open Golf Tournament was won by the host chapter, Central Florida. Held at the famous Lake Buena Vista CC, Walt Disney World, the field consisted of over 150 players.

The team event is scored on the Calloway System best four man total. The Central Florida victory was by only one stroke over the Everglades Chapter. Scores for the winning team were J. Ondo - 71, J. Ellison - 71, S. Leventhal - 72, D. Parker - 72.

Gary Smither, superintendent at Bent Tree G&RC, Sarasota, won low gross honors with a splendid 69. The victory margin was three strokes over runner-up Fred Klauk of Pine Tree GC, Boynton Beach. Gary Smither, no new comer to the golf business, has been at his club for years. His scratch handicap is better understood when you know his brother is the professional at Bent Tree, and his father is PGA North Florida section president. Smither finished 9th last year in the GCSAA national tournament from a field of 250. This upcoming year he will be on the four man Florida GCSA team, as we try for our third national title in a row.

The winning team gross chapter was Palm Beach with a one stroke edge over West Coast GCSA. Low net superintendent was David Court of Boca Lago, Boca Raton, with a 70.

Heavy rain mid-way during the round of play made these low scores even more impressive. The course was in excellent playing condition. Larry Kamphaus is executive superintendent over all three Disney courses. Joel Jackson is superintendent at Lake Buena Vista.