THE ANNUAL POA ANNUA GOLF CLASSIC

AT THE BEAUTIFUL

Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club
Naples, Florida
The Everglades Chapter of the Florida Golf Course Superintendent's Association
The Naples Beach Club was this year's site for the coveted Poa Annua Classic. Hosted annually by the Everglades GCSA, this is the original multi chapter gathering and golf tournament.

The team chapter event is scored on the Calloway scoring system. Four scores are used per team to select the winner. This year there was a tie between Palm Beach and Everglades. The tie breaker method is the 5th man score. Palm Beach won for their second straight title. The top five players for the Palm Beachers were as follows: M. Henderson 70, B. Whitaker 70, K. Downing 71, F. Klauk 72, D. Bailey 72. The Everglades chapter was paced as follows: D. Fry 70, D. Bessire 70, M. Tallmadge 71, B. Sanders 72, D. Hall 73, C. Stewart 73. The third place chapter was South Florida, seven strokes back. West Coast, Sun Coast, and Central completed the order of the finish. Palm Beach won in the gross totally by 11 stokes.

Bill Whitaker, CGCS, Seminole Golf Club, won the individual gross honors with his 73. Robby Robins, Gainesville, was one stroke off the pace. The victory for Whitaker fills the first spot on the four man state team for the GCSAA tournament.

A review of this year's Poa Annua Classic would not be complete with just golf scores because that was merely a part of the event. The Beach Club Hotel was truly outstanding. It is a very complete resort. Those who went a couple of days early to relax and enjoy the pool, gulf, tennis, great food were well rewarded. Plan now to take your whole family next year if they are the host. That is one of the nice things about the event. Wives and children will enjoy the getaway and meet others. The room rates in season are $155 per night, our rate was $35! Sunday night was a Hawaiian Luau with plenty of great food, good music, and the gulf as backdrop. Thank you Everglades GCSA for a memorable weekend!